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TUG ROOSEVELT IS SAFE WITH ALL HANDS

Three Powers Caution Japan On Chinchow Operations Britain, France and U.S. Awaiting Reply On New Army Moves

Dangers Arising Out of Japanese Troops Operations Near Concentration Point of Chinese Forces Stressed in Representations Made at Tokio; Party Leaders, Forming Government at Nanking, Say Foreign Policy to Be Stiffened

By JAMES P. HOWE
Associated Press Correspondent

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The British, United States and French Governments were understood to-day to have expressed to the Japanese Government what Tokio considers a "warning" on the new Japanese military operations in the Chinchow region of southwestern Manchuria.

The Rengo News Agency said the texts of the warning notes would be published soon, with the Japanese reply.

The Japanese reply, the Rengo agency report said, would stress the claim that "there is little difference between 'regular' and 'irregular' bands in the Chinchow region."

The Japanese Government is understood to consider the present military operations entirely within the realm of the anti-bandit drive held here to have been recognized by the League of Nations Council's resolution of December 10.

CHINESE POLICY CHANGES

Nanking, Dec. 24.—Fundamental changes in the Chinese foreign policy, especially as regards the Manchurian situation, are contemplated by party leaders, meeting here to form a new government group, their spokesman said yesterday.

This statement inclined observers to believe the new leaders may attempt a stiffer attitude toward Japan.

"The garrison at Chinchow will resist any Japanese attempt to capture the city," the spokesman said. "We do not pretend to hope the Chinese troops will make a successful stand at Chinchow, but the moment the Japanese army and the opinion of the entire nation will not tolerate any further suggestion of a policy of non-resistance."

FORBES SPEAKS FOR U.S.

Washington, Dec. 24.—New representations to Japan to prevent renewed hostilities in Manchuria were announced to-day by the State Department.

The department said Ambassador Forbes had been instructed to express again to the Japanese Foreign Office the United States Government's concern over reports the Japanese army was contemplating movements on Chinchow, in southwestern Manchuria.

Forbes was instructed to call the Japanese Government's attention to reports from military observers of several nations, including the United States military attaché, to the effect there was no evidence China

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LENZ, JACOBY TEN RUBBERS DOWN TO-DAY

Culbertson's Side Forges
Over 14,000 Points Ahead
in Bridge

Lightner Forgets Queen of
Hearts Out in One Hand and
Is Set One Trick

By TOM O'NEIL

New York, Dec. 24.—Victory

in six of eight rubbers at the last pre-Christmas session, ending early to-day, added 3,820 points to the lead of Ely Culbertson's side in the test of his system of contract bridge with that of Sidney S. Lenz, who has Oswald Jacoby as partner.

When the eighty-seventh rubber of the 150 rubber match is started at the resumption of play at 2:30 o'clock Saturday, Culbertson will be 14,526 points ahead with a total of 78,156 compared with 65,624 for Lenz, Jacoby and Lightner with Mrs. Culbertson, Waldemar von Zedwitz or Theodore A. Lightner as partner.

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**EARTH SHOCKS
IN ALASKA**

Seward, Alaska, Dec. 24.—A severe earthquake struck here at 5:40 yesterday afternoon, but no serious damage had been reported to-day. The tremors lasted a full minute.

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Hampers Bring Cheer To 1,200 Needy Cases

Through Medium of Christmas Exchange, Charitable Groups Aid Poor

Parcels of Foodstuffs Sent Out To-day to Weigh Down Christmas Tables

Christmas cheer in the form of hampers distributed through the agency of the Christmas Exchange by the charitable associations of the city was extended to approximately 1,200 cases in Great Victoria to-day.

The parcels with their luscious assortments of puddings, cakes, butter, sugar and groceries were sent to those in need to bring some of the comforts of family which might otherwise have been unable to enjoy the festive.

The Friendly Help had sent out approximately 500 hampers to-day and expected to weigh down Christmas tables.

MANY GROUPS HELP

The I.O.D.E., Soldiers' Clubs, Salvation Army, Saanich Welfare Society, churches, Social Service and clubs of the city, all contributed to assist the needy.

In order to avoid overlapping the Christmas Exchange tabulated the names of families in distress and

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CHEQUE ARTISTS ARE SENTENCED

Two Given Jail Terms For
Victimizing Local Merchants
During Year

The day before Christmas proved anything but happy for two bogus check passers who were called to time to-day for offenses alleged to have been committed within the last ten months.

William Thomas Butt, who pleaded guilty to cashing a worthless cheque for \$12.75 with David Spencer Limited on June 11, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. He had a long record of frauds, dating back to 1919. J. L. Clay appeared for the defense.

Oscar G. Paine, 21, already on trial for an offence in Vancouver, pleaded guilty to passing cheques on local merchants in November, and was sentenced to three months, commencing on expiration of the term imposed in Vancouver.

A third fraud case was before the court this morning, but trial was delayed until next week. Lionel G. Brynert was charged with obtaining \$100 by false pretences from Reginald C. Graves on February 7. H. W. Davy appeared for the defence.

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PAY DAY IN THE FIELD



The yen may have fallen in the world money markets, but the monthly pay envelope seems to be given a hearty welcome by the Japanese soldiers in Manchuria. The picture above was taken while the paymaster of one of the units on the Anganchi front was at work.

GREETINGS OF B.C. LEADERS ARE CONVEYED

Turn of the Tide in 1932 Is
Looked For By Premier
and Governor

Tolmie Views Closer Empire
Bonds in Future With Trade
Swelled

Combining a spirit of optimism with good cheer, Christmas messages conveyed to-day by provincial and civic leaders reveal a general feeling that economic conditions will take a turn for the better after the New Year. Hearty greetings to all citizens of the province and the capital are tendered in the messages which follow.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR
J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON

A feeling of optimism in business and financial circles in the coming year is contained in the Christmas greetings extended by Lieutenant-Governor J. W. Fordham Johnson to the people of British Columbia. His Honor's message follows:

"It is with a great deal of pleasure that I extend my best wishes of opportunity to convey to the people of British Columbia my most cordial good wishes for the Christmas and New Year seasons:

"In common with the rest of the world British Columbia has been feeling the effects of the financial depression, but I feel quite sure that during the New Year it will be found that the worst has passed. Let us hope that in my coming, a return to more prosperous times cannot be far off."

"In conveying the old Yuletide greetings to the people of the province, I would also like to add the heartfelt wish that all alike may share in the prosperity which must accompany a return to normal conditions."

SENATOR J. H. KING

"It is indeed a pleasure for me to extend to the people of British Columbia and Victoria my best wishes for Christmas and New Year. My greatest hope is that in the coming year we shall have an adjustment in international affairs that will bring peace and good-will to the people of the world."

PREMIER TOLMIE

"On behalf of the members of the government of British Columbia, I extend warm greetings and the compliments of the season to all your readers."

"In this period of national emergency, the press has rendered invaluable aid in strengthening the public will and encouraging the public spirit, and has exercised its functions with a breadth of vision and a singleness of purpose which has been of incalculable service in enabling us as a people to meet our crisis."

"The instant success of the great National Service Loan is evidence to

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DEBRIS YIELDS BODY OF MAN

Funerals of Those Killed in
Vatican Library Collapse
Set for Saturday

Canadian Press

Lossiemouth, Scotland, Dec. 24.—Premier MacDonald informed here to-day of the report of the Young Plan Committee on reparations, said:

"The report shows quite plainly the governments ought to meet without a day's unnecessary delay."

"The British Government is ready to meet at once."

"For God's sake, let us meet at once," Mr. MacDonald said.

CONFERENCE OUTLOOK

London, Dec. 24.—The importance attached by London newspapers to the Young Plan committee at Brest was indicated this morning by the headlines and heavy type used, but there was very little comment on the committee's report.

The bodies of the four workmen who were trapped in the building. He was unable to run to shelter as fast as his fellows, being terribly crushed under many tons of falling masonry.

The body was found after forty-two hours of work by hundreds of rescuers who discovered the first victim, Dr. Vassilas, while he was still breathing at 11 o'clock Tuesday evening.

All but a few tons of the debris had been removed, when the last body was found.

The bodies of the four workmen were now reposing in a Vatican City church where funerals will be held the day after Christmas. The body of Dr. Vassilas has been taken to his late home at Turin.

Pope Pius was informed immediately that all bodies had been recovered and he gave instructions for the funerals.

In the meantime salvage work was completed until investigations can be completed and plans made for re-building.

The Chinese have shown they are legally in Canada, it is stated, and it is doubtful if any charges will be laid against them.

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BODY RECOVERED

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 24.—A three-day search for Miss A. Campbell, thirty-five-year-old housewife, ended to-day with the discovery of the body in her automobile, which was found in the St. Mary's River. Friends said she had been despondent recently.

**THE TIMES WILL NOT
PUBLISH TO-MORROW**

To give the staff of The Victoria Daily Times an opportunity to observe Christmas Day there will be no issue of the paper to-morrow.

The Times takes this opportunity of extending to its readers best wishes for the holiday season.

**IDEAS THAT RECREATED JOBS
AND PROSPERITY IN THE PAST**

Judging from past performance, the world is waiting for some genius to come forward with an invention to open up new fields of industrial activity, which in turn will revivify all business and start the wheels of world commerce turning again.

Depression in other years received their "knock-out" blows from the big industries built up on such inventions as the telephone, pullman car, motor cars, and the movies, each of which created hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

In a special illustrated article in the Magazine Section on Saturday, The Victoria Times will tell something of these prosperity creators.

It may carry a suggestion of the opportunity awaiting some local genius to develop a "depression-killer" to meet the present situation.

Other features of the Saturday Magazine Section will include:

What the Miss Stenographer of 1932 will be like.

How Hitler's Nazis in Germany would sterilize other stocks to assure Nordic race dominance.

The Christmas rose and its story—by Robert Connell.

Sunny December at Ferry Bay.

Why go to college?

How toil mothers in Russia let the state rear their children.

A Canadian has won the world's wheat crown for the third time—but it was his wife that helped him do it.

Regular weekly illustrated page for the children.

Illustrated page of the latest in fashions from Paris and elsewhere.

Books of the day and comment.

And the four-page colored comic section.

After Furious Battle With Angry Seas She Stems Into Neah Bay

**Lost for Twelve Hours After Sending Frantic SOS
"For God's Sake Hurry" Famous Old Craft Rides
Out Storm and Reaches Shelter; Crew Have Thrilling
Experience, While Canadian and United States
Patrol Ships Anxiously Scan Waters for Some
Trace of Roosevelt**

DEPRESSION IN WHEAT SAID TO BE ENDING

Professor W. W. Swanson
Declares Prairie Outlook
Is Brightening

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While Canadian and United States patrol boats searched for her in the raging waters off Cape Beale, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, in the spot known to mariners as the "graveyard of the Pacific," the Seattle tugboat Roosevelt escaped the fury of the storm, after a fierce battle and spent the night in the shelter of Neah Bay, according to word received in Victoria this morning.

It was thought the tugboat had met

her fate during the storm and that she had foundered with eleven men aboard.

But she was the victim in the fight with the elements and after a terrific beating by mountainous seas reached safety. It was not known this morning, however, of any report that she was safe after sending out a message at 9 o'clock yesterday evening, reading: "We are flooded and there isn't much chance for us. For God's sake hurry."

These assertions by the man who accompanied Premier Bennett to the Economic Conference as a special technician were contained in his new book, "Depression—and the Way Out."

A pre-publication review of the book, published to-day by The Toronto Mail and Empire said, "It is past

time to be afraid of the world."

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BOUNDED MAN CALLS POLICE

**Bank Teller in Albany, N.Y.,
Uses Tongue to Dial Numbers**

Canadian Press

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 24.—A bank teller, bound hand and foot, dialed a telephone number with his tongue to-day and let the outside world know he had been held up and the bank robbed of \$4,200.

John Hand, twenty-three, was leaving the Albany Morris Plan Bank shortly before midnight when two men forced him back inside and made him open the safe.

He was then bound tightly and left lying on the floor. The gunner took his keys, scooped up \$4,200 from the safe and fled, locking the door behind them.

An hour and a half later Hand succeeded in jarring a telephone receiver from its hook. Using his tongue, he dialed numbers at random until finally he heard an answer in the dangling receiver.

The response came from E. Corning Davis Jr., an insurance man, who answered at the ringing of his telephone.

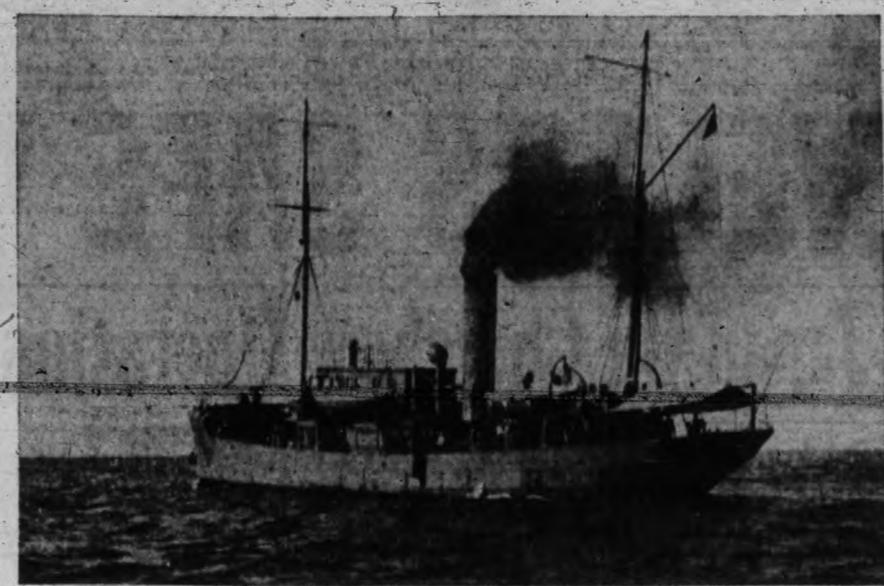
"Call the police," cried Hand. "The bank has been robbed."

Mr. Davis notified the police. The latter hurried to the bank, battered in the doors and freed Hand.

"The gunner is safe," said Hand.

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SEARCHED ALL NIGHT FOR MISSING TUG



C.G.S. GIVENCHY

which braved the fierce storm off the west coast of Vancouver Island all night and patrolled the waters off Cape Beale in a search for the Seattle tugboat Roosevelt, which turned up safely in Neah Bay this morning with all hands aboard. The Givenchy, as soon as word was received that the Roosevelt was safe, steamed for Bamfield, her West Coast base, where she will spend Christmas.

Malay Boy Who Bounced Living "Fishballs" Recalled By Carveth Wells

Sir Hubert Wilkins Tells of His Experiences With Cannibals

NEW YORK.—Bouncing fishballs, cannibal tales and a symphonic arrangement of howling Eskimo dogs were topics of conversation when members of the Explorers' Club related their experiences at a luncheon given by the New York City Explorers.

Among the speakers, fifteen of the thirty-three contributors to the book, "Told at the Explorers' Club," were Roy Chapman Andrews, Sir Hubert Wilkins, Captain Bob Bartlett, Carveth Wells, Gordon MacGregor and Anthony Flata.

Carveth Wells, introduced as the most colorful member of the group, told a lie, opened the programme with a Malay jungle story of a fish which climbs ten feet into a tree after walking over the ground, winks its eye and takes a shower bath on the edge of a pool by flipping water over its back. "It is the only fish in the world that winks its eye and it is the peripatetic sonorous," he declared. "That means I can do it."

"But, ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you about these bouncing fishballs. I remember very well when I was out in the jungle there, coming to a large camp where the Malayan had made for planting rice."

"The field was flooded with water, and one day I saw a boy go out into this rice field with about twenty fishing rods. He stuck the rods all over the rice field and left the hooks dangling in the water in which the rice was growing."

BOUNCES LIVING FISH

The boy collected about fifty fish, he declared, and when he started home he took out one fish and rubbed it on the ground. The fish was swallowing air and got round and tight like a tennis ball. "He bounced the fish on the ground and it shot up into the air, and he played around with it, and when he finished he threw it back into the water. It squirted out the air and swam away again."

Mr. Andrews, the next speaker, switched to a Borneo forest. That forest, he said, was better known by the sound of its insects than by sight. He also told how he nearly walked into a python but was saved by an alert boy.

Captain Bartlett told how he obtained an Eskimo on the northeastern coast of Siberia. His dogs were in such bad shape, he said, that it was necessary to get another pair immediately. He attempted to bargain with an Eskimo, and then striking on a plan, brought out a new Colt revolver. He let the boy shoot it.

The boy followed him. "Then came the father leading the little white dog," he continued. "Not much was said. I got the dog, the boy, the revolver and cartridges and on our way we went with Colt, as we called him. He now put him as leader."

Mrs. Hutchinson, a twenty-one-year-old widow, killed the night of September 13 in a fall from Dr. George W. Burns, the outskirt's doctor.

Mr. Hubert Wilkins told of his experiences with cannibals in the Torres Strait about two degrees from the equator.

SHOT CHAINED ELEPHANT

Gordon MacGregor told the members of the Exchange Club that he was once a business manager—a trophy hunter for a taxidermist. He told of a young nobleman who had gone out to Burns to shoot an elephant, but later found out that the elephant was chained to a tree. It was rather expensive for the young nobleman, he explained.

Anthony Flata described some of the weird sounds which come to the ears of an explorer. In the Arctic the barking of dogs and in the jungle the howling monkeys are most impressive, he said. In each case he moved a little closer to the microphone and gave a vocal rendition.

Other speakers were William J. Morden, Frederick S. Denenbach, W. E. A. Cunningham, W. H. Dickson, George Witten, Capt. George F. Shearwood, Bert McConnell, Lewis R. Freeman and George K. Cheerie.

J. P. Muller, past national president of the Exchange Club, presided. He was introduced by Thomas Paton, president of the New York chapter.

He'd Rather Eat

"Your fiancee has money, but if you marry her you will have to give up smoking and drinking."

"...but if I don't marry her I shall have to give up eating."

one sheep, who carrying a bunch of bride's-roses on her head, was very beautiful. The bride wore a light wagon, two crates of apples, three crates of potatoes, three racks of hay with a grindstone, trimmed with about 100 bushels of corn. The bridal couple left yesterday for an extended trip. Terms cash.—Nepawa (Manitoba) Press.

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LENZ, JACOBY-TEN RUBERS DOWN TO-DAY

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LENZ and Jacoby were set nine times, compared with four times for the opposition, but kept their losses small and plunged little when vulnerable.

Lenz and Jacoby complained of lack of good cards, although they held four more aces during the session. Culbertson's side had eighteen more kings.

MAKES GAME DOUBLED

Both sides succeeded at game contracts doubled, bringing his record for such things in the series up to five. Here is one such hand, No. 500, which gave him one side of his two rubbers:

Lenz (north)
Spades—J 10 9 7 2
Hearts—7 6
Diamonds—10 8 7 4
Clubs—10

Jacoby (south)
Spades—None
Hearts—K 9 8 7 6
Diamonds—Q 4 3 2
Clubs—Q 7 5 2

The bidding:

North pass. East one-no-trump. South double. West pass. North two clubs. East pass. South two spades. All pass. The opening lead was the nine of diamonds by Culbertson.

On hand 450, which gave Lens game and rubber at three no-trump. Culbertson praised him for fine end play.

The hand:

Lens (north)
Spades—Q 10 9 8
Hearts—K 10 5
Diamonds—A 9 8 2
Clubs—A 8

Culbertson (west)

Spades—7 6 2
Hearts—8 6
Diamonds—J 9 8 7 3
Clubs—10

Jacoby (south)
Spades—None
Hearts—Q 4 3 2
Diamonds—K 5 4 3
Clubs—A 8

The bidding:

North pass. East one-no-trump. South two spades. West three clubs. North two diamonds. All pass.

Culbertson took the first two tricks with the king and queen of diamonds, and the queen of clubs.

Before taking the third trick and then the hand he went into clubs, taking the ace and queen tricks, the latter in dummy. Lightner took the first heart trick and returned the lead to Lens's hand. Lens led the ten for the next trick and took the following with the queen in dummy which also took the hand. King of clubs, Lightner and the queen of hearts were out.

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LIGHTNER MISPLAYS

Culbertson and Lightner could have got more out of their cards on several occasions. On hand 450, Lightner not vulnerability, was set one. Culbertson remarked that at least two hearts could have been made and Jacoby added that it was possible also to have made four clubs. Lightner made a misplay, forgetting the queen of hearts was out.

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Lens (north)
Spades—J 10 9 8
Hearts—Q 10 8
Diamonds—A 9 8 2
Clubs—Q 2

Culbertson (west)

Spades—Q 7 2
Hearts—A 4
Diamonds—K Q J
Clubs—A 5 4 3

Jacoby (south)

Spades—None
Hearts—K 9 8 7 6
Diamonds—10 8 7 6 5
Clubs—A 2

The bidding: North pass. East pass. South one heart; South double; West one no-trump; North pass; East two hearts; all pass.

Culbertson led the six of diamonds.

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**DELEGATES TO
OTTAWA NAMED
IN AUSTRALIA**

the new Minister of Trade and Customs, R. A. Parkhill and J. A. Guy, outstanding members of the United Australia Party.

The Prime Minister announced the personnel of the delegation yesterday evening.

ROBBERY IN ALASKA

Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec. 24.—An unmasked elderly bandit held up Frank M. Dunham, one of the proprietors in the Red Cross drugstore here yesterday evening and robbed him of a diamond stickpin valued at \$1,500 and \$40 in currency. He made no effort to reach the cash register, in which there was a considerable sum of money. Federal and Ketchikan officers have failed so far to apprehend him.

MACDONALD CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE AT EARLY DATE

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"These difficulties are so complicated," it said, "and they raise so many controversial issues that it seems hopeless to expect a final solution will be discovered, or at any rate accepted, in time. It is felt there can be no final settlement of the reparations problem

"Prior to that date, it was estimated 2.9 million dollars had been withdrawn since then 1.2 millions had been withdrawn under the standstill agreement.

LONG CREDIT

"Against this exports have recently been heavy, but exceeding foreign credit has been given in many cases, and the surplus of exports has been due in part to certain special causes, including pressure of manufacturers to sell stocks and some exceptional sales to Great Britain in anticipation of tariffs."

"It is doubtful whether the volume of exports can continue at its recent level, in view of general adverse factors, including higher tariffs, exchange restrictions and in other countries and sterner competition."

STABILITY AND PROSPERITY

"The committee terminates this chapter by observing that every previous crisis has been followed by a period of stability and prosperity, and that it would be unjustifiable to judge its prospects for the future on the basis of an exceptionally bad period of depression. At the present time the budgets of all countries and of most railways show deficits. To assume that equilibrium will not be regained after the present crisis would be a counsel of despair. This is as true of Germany as of other countries. In past years she has built up her foreign trade and political economic equipment, and restriction of markets and the fall in prices have prevented her from utilizing this to the full. The activity of her factories is now necessarily reduced."

INTEREST RATES HIGH

"Interest rates have been high in Germany ever since inflation. During 1920, advances to manufacturers of first class standing have seldom cost less than eight per cent. The figure is now about twelve per cent."

EMERGENCY DECREES

"The report summarizes the German emergency decrees of the last two years. The income tax has been raised twice, beer and tobacco taxes have been increased, and turnover tax rates from 0.25 to 2 per cent. Official salaries are reduced by 20 per cent. Similar cuts apply to the local authorities, who have also imposed a poll tax and new local taxes on beer and other beverages."

PERMANENT MEASURES

"Control of banks has been set up, and new regulations made for savings banks. A stringent foreign exchange control operation and draft laws provisions against the flight of capital have been introduced. The debt charge contained therein is comparatively low, and the sketch of the budget for 1932, which was examined by the committee, contained a considerable sum for amortization of the short term debt."

"In view of the measures taken in

as long as opinion in the United States is so uncompromising as the recent debates in Congress indicated."

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The newspaper *Germania*, organ of Chancellor Heinrich Brüning's party, said in its discussion of the Berlin resolutions report that "decisive must be done or there will be further catastrophes."

The Nationalist *Der Tag* averred that "Shylock (meaning France) will heal the wounds of the bleeding to enable them to bleed further."

"The world outside France," *Der Tag* continued, "knows the tribute payment is impossible and that it is the principal cause of the world crisis."

The Communist *Rote Fahne* saw the report as "a new defeat for the bourgeoisie." French imperialism, the paper said, had won "another impulsive victory."

By MELVIN K. WHITELEATHER,
Associated Press, Copenhagen

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 24.—The Young Plan Advisory Committee's report, upholding Germany's contention that Germany may conditional reparations as the expiration of the Hoover moratorium, is regarded by bankers here as the beginning of the end of the Young Plan.

Those who have studied the document summaries of which were made public here yesterday evening, regard it as a hopeful balance sheet statement of German situation in the light of the world depression and as remaining within the framework of the Young Plan as France demanded, but at the same time they believe it sounds the death knell of the plan itself.

TASK FOR CONFERENCE

The French victory, if such it was, came in omissions—in the shifting of the whole reparations problem to the international conference tentatively scheduled for next month, and in that the Germans pay conditional reparations as the expiration of the Hoover moratorium, is regarded by bankers here as the beginning of the end of the Young Plan.

"Commenting on this situation in relations to reparations, the committee, in its discussion referred to the banking committee in August last, and points out the contradiction that might arise between a system involving large annual payments by debtor to creditor countries, while at the same time putting obstacles in the way of the free movement of goods.

"So long as fresh capital was being lent to the debtors the dilemma did not seem to arise, but in 1929, with these capital movements ceased, it became evident that in the long run these annual payments must be met in the form of goods."

"The world cannot quickly adjust itself to important changes in the course of credit and trade, and attempts to maintain the international balance of payments by large movements of gold weakened the monetary foundation of many countries."

DIFFERENCES SEEN

Summaries were issued by several delegations yesterday and they compared well with the text, but to-day appeared there were some differences in interpretations of the meaning of the report.

"The French resume devoted to the first two chapters of the document emphasized the enormous increase of expenditures by the German state and national governments, but gave little space to the committee's conclusions. The British—United States and German delegations were almost identical. The Germans, however, received complete vindication in their contention that they no longer can make conditional payments; it is agreed."

The text of the report signed late yesterday after two and a half weeks of hard work, was set for publication about 6 this evening in four languages. The English text had been completed, but it had to wait until the others were finished.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The text of summary prepared by Sir Walter Layton, British delegate, and Walter W. Stewart, United States member of the committee, follows:

"The report opens with an analysis of the present situation in Germany, on which the effects of the crisis of this summer were devastating.

"Sweeping withdrawals of foreign credits played havoc with the financial system of Germany and led to a series of legislative enactments which culminated in the emergency decree of December 8, 1931," which includes measures without parallel in modern legislation.

"Germany was particularly suspicious of the credit system because of the large amount of her short-term foreign debt. A census taken by the German Government showed twelve millions of Reichsmarks owing at the end of July.

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CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS, OR THE FEAST OF
Christ's birth, was not observed by the Christian church until several centuries after the commencement of the Christian era. Even then there was a sharp disagreement over the day that was celebrated. What was known as the Eastern Church observed January 6, while the Western Church commemorated December 25. Other early authorities declared that Christ was born in April. Eventually, however, December 25 was agreed upon and for some fifteen centuries has been observed as Christmas by the Christian world. The form of observance has varied from time to time and in accordance with the character and customs of the different countries.

In some lands ceremonial of pagan origin are used. The Christmas tree can be traced to the Romans; the custom of making presents is a survival of heathenism, but has been consecrated by the ages.

The use of holly, the Yule log, the mistletoe and the wassail is a pagan custom and has no relation to the actual occasion which December 25 is supposed to commemorate. Indeed, in many respects the real meaning of Christmas is obscured by a cloud of usages and customs which have no more association with the birth of Christ than they have with the signing of Magna Charta.

At heart much of the so-called Christian world is still pagan. Whether it is as pagan as it is Christian would be a good subject for debate. Christ is known as the Prince of Peace. He came to earth, according to the ethereal chorus on the night of the nativity, as the embodiment of "peace on earth, good-will to all men." Seventeen years ago the Christian world produced a war which involved practically all the peoples on earth in a carnival of slaughter—the complete negation of the sublime virtues for which the founder of Christianity stood, of which he preached, and for the vindication of which he was crucified. He denounced human greed, political and social injustice, sensuality, inordinate love of luxury, the worship of the golden calf.

The world to-day is suffering from an economic depression, and is confronted with even worse, mainly because it has disregarded Christ's teaching, example and warning, and is still doing it. How much longer it will continue to go step, stiff-necked, along the road to Avernum remains to be seen. The fact that it is spending nearly five billions of dollars a year on armaments, which is much more than it spent for this purpose before the war, indicates that the lessons of the worst catastrophe in human history—with which even the pagan world that flourished before the time of Christ can present no parallel—and the inevitable economic collapse which inevitably has followed that disaster, are lost upon many of the leading nations who fly the Christian banner. The fact that recently in France a disarmament meeting was broken up by an intransigent audience is a sinister sign. The approval given Japan's imperialistic buccaneering in Manchuria—which is Chinese territory—by certain governments and a considerable proportion of the press of Christian nations is a long, long way from that "peace on earth, good-will to all men" which is part of the woof and warp of real Christianity.

There are many to-day who confuse Christ with Machiavelli, who on select occasions in glib words profess their allegiance to him and his doctrine, but in definite action at other times promote the establishment on earth of the devil's kitchen. Christianity is not a label or a traveling tag; it is a principle which admits of no compromise. Nevertheless, no matter how stiff-necked may be this generation or the generations which will follow it, the triumph of Christianity is assured, the Galilean will conquer again. In time, the penalty mankind must pay for violating the divine principle which Christ personified will impress itself sufficiently upon the human consciousness to bring about a new order of life and living. Even through the fog of the materialism in which the world is floundering there are indications of a growing leavening of spiritual sanity which eventually will give to Christmas an entirely new significance, one which in many quarters it has not had for ages, perhaps not since that day, nineteen centuries ago, when Christ was born in a stable in Bethlehem.

THE BANKERS' REPORT

FOR NEARLY THREE WEEKS INTER-
national banking experts have been deliberating at Basel on Germany's capacity to pay her conditional reparations—about two-thirds of the whole bill. They undertook this task after the Hoover moratorium had gone into effect. The summary of their report now made available to the public contains a plain intimation to the world that resumption of these payments will be impossible when the debt-holiday expires next summer. The severity of the economic crisis through which the world is passing is given by this body of bankers as the reason for their verdict. They have reached the conclusion that the short period of the depression which the Young Plan took into consideration was not long enough. Furthermore, in their opinion, Germany's problem is a world problem and, consequently, must be treated on a broad scale.

Dealing with the precise problem of Germany's payments, the committee of bankers—known as the Young Plan Advisory Committee—announces that "the only permanent step to restore confidence is to adapt all debts as between countries to the present upheaval in world affairs." It contends, too, that energetic steps must be taken to make permanent the effect the German government is trying to attain in its efforts to protect the stability of its currency. The summary of the committee's report, moreover, lays particular emphasis on a fact to which several well-known economists have repeatedly referred since the crisis of last summer, the effects of which is described as "devastating," that Germany's problem is "to a

great extent the cause of the financial problems of the world," and therefore "calls for common action by all the governments." Let it be borne in mind that this is the view of a body of impartial banking experts, a view which some of the more volatile United States senators, and certain elements in France should note.

In Chapter Two of the committee's report is a graphic description of the world crisis, of which the outstanding feature is the universal fall of prices. It points out that all forms of economic activity have been affected, that reduced purchasing power has involved the disappearance of profits, unemployment, and an uninterrupted slump in stock exchange securities. "The stability of banks has been imperilled," we read in this chapter, "and the withdrawal of foreign capital from borrowing countries—particularly in Central Europe—threatened the stability of currencies, which has resulted in control of the exchange market, and in certain cases the suspension of foreign payments." Then it goes on to say that the spread of the crisis to lending countries "involved the abandonment of the gold standard by some of them, which has given rise to a tendency to hoard. Finally: 'The latest phase is imposing of tariffs and other restrictions, which has still further reduced international trade!'

The really serious point in Germany's crisis, of course, was touched last summer; and this led up to the famous economic decree made public by Chancellor Bruening early this month—a decree which the bankers' report says "includes measures without parallel in modern legislation." Together with any consideration of this decree it must be remembered, as the committee's report implies, that "the burden of taxation in Germany has become so high that there is no margin for further increases," while there are 5,000,000 unemployed persons in the country out of a total employable population of approximately 21,000,000.

The situation, then, may be summed up in a general way. Mr. Hoover initiated the year's holiday during which no inter-governmental debts or reparations would be paid. Officially, the United States government does not recognize reparations; but the moneys have it been collecting from its European debtors, for the most part, been paid into the Bank of International Settlements as reparations, and apportioned and credited to United States debtors—as inter-governmental debt payments. The committee now declares that the year's holiday will not be long enough; some other arrangement will have to be made if Germany is to be saved from a complete economic collapse, which would mean the collapse of the world's business edifice.

A vital feature of the committee's summing-up, especially in view of recent tariff history, is its reference to the imposition of new customs duties which have "still further reduced international trade." This is a phase of the situation which is involving every country. It is striking at the economic heart of Canada, as it is striking at the whole structure of United States trade and commerce. This is easy to understand. The world is not trading as it ought to be trading, as it must trade if prosperity is to be revived. And if governments will persist in burying their heads in the sand, especially in view of the warnings they have been repeatedly given by economists who see the inevitable result of this foolish business, there will be much more serious outcome than is conveyed by the term "economic disaster." The committee which has just finished its labors at Basel has pointed the way to a new business orientation. Will the governments of the world be guided by its findings?

THE SANTA CLAUS MYTH

THERE IS AN ATTEMPT EVERY YEAR
on the part of those who are old and wise, little disillusioned with the drift of the years, to put away with Santa Claus. But somehow, when the odors of spruce and balsam start to spice the air and the shop windows sparkle with colored balls, the benevolent old saint with the white whiskers and red coat comes by again.

Children may listen solemnly while their elders explain that he is a myth. But they do not believe it. They know better.

They have seen him in the toylands of the stores, walking up and down the streets, and whispered their secrets in his ears. They are a little sorry for grown up folks who have forgotten that there is a thing called magic in the land.

Children so often are wiser than adults. They realize that life needs a fairy tale or two to make it happier. Even if Santa Claus never brings them all the gifts for which they have asked they have caught the glamor of a shining moment in which they hoped that he would, and that is something.

Toys will get broken, of course—on Christmas morning and on other mornings. That is why children should be permitted to catch magic while they can, before they have learned how quickly tinsel tarnishes and that Santa Claus is just the man next door dressed up.

Magic is that breathlessness which makes a child's heart swell in the glad moment just before something lovely happens. It does not cost anything. Yet it is priceless as the myrrh, and gold and frankincense which the wise men brought, as radiant as the starlight of a long ago eastern night, and it sings its way with a rhythm that catches the glory of the first Christmas carol that echoed across the peaceful fields of Bethlehem.

This year, when there is such an urge to be practical, there is a danger that we shall let the spirit of Christmas slip away. The very fact that life is harder than usual for many people should be proof enough that we need its magic.

After all, the most beautiful things in life are the unseen things, fantasy, faith, love, romance. And Santa Claus is compacted of all of them.

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On the other hand, if Canada is willing to sit down in a spirit of give-and-take with the representatives of Britain, the Irish Free State, Australia, and South Africa and promote such mutually helpful arrangements as will free trade from its present shackles, then great opportunities will come.

It would be simply futile to try to reach such arrangements in London a year ago. Likewise, it would be folly to approach the conference with any idea in mind that the trade with other countries can be ignored. If there is one lesson the world has learned in the last twelve months, it is that nations are economically interdependent. That is the touchstone on which any conference in Ottawa will succeed or fail.

Loose Ends

Everything is ready next door—with a cup of tea on the mantel—presents in the icebox—and excitement all over the house.

By H. B. W.

TOMORROW, ACCORDING TO
calendar and the little girl next door (on whom in this matter I place greater reliance), will be Christmas. It seems as if something should be said about it in this column. I don't know why exactly, but it seems so.

Every part of the paper is full of Christmas to-night. No one is thinking about anything else. No one, probably, will have time, at the last moment, in the hurry, of purchasing gifts for people who inconveniently sent you some when you weren't expecting it—no one, probably, will read what is written here to-night, so it doesn't matter what we say about Christmas. We can't alter it anyway. We've got to go through with it now.

she likes herself. Thus it was a keen disappointment when her mother objected to the purchase of a teddy bear for her father. So she compromised on a small bottle of perfume for him. "Maybe," said she, "he'll let me have a little drop of it on my nose and then I'll smell good all day." For her mother she bought a nice purple balloon. "It was cheap," she confided to me later. "Only costed twenty-four dollars. That's very cheap for a purplish balloon."

FOR HER UNCLE IN TOWN SHE SELECTED
a tiny doll with red hair, because, said she, "she likes the girls." Her baby brother will get a football, though he can't walk yet. The rest of her purchases I do not know. She insisted on keeping them a dead secret so that they might be "spies." But it was gratifying to learn of her sensible spending. She assured me she had come home with more money than she had taken with her, and to prove it produced, in place of two quarters, two dimes, a nickel and no less than twelve pennies, and, as everyone knows, red money is more valuable than white.

she told everybody that on no account must anyone look into the icebox before Christmas. And she wrote a final note to Santa telling him where to find them, because he, of course, must deliver them to her friends.

YES, WE ARE STRANGE PEOPLE, AND NO OUTSIDER COULD UNDERSTAND US THIS CHRISTMAS EVE. WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND OURSELVES EXACTLY. BUT IT IS JUST OUR EXTRAORDINARY CAPACITY FOR MAKING IT

THE WRAPPING of her presents took three afternoons, and no one but her mother was allowed to witness it. She wrapped them all in red tissue paper with green ribbon and bright stickers, which usually stuck more to her than the parcels. She tied a little sprig of holly to each parcel, she put the whole lot of them in the icebox, where the ice goes in the summer time, she told everybody that on no account must anyone look into the icebox before Christmas, and she wrote a final note to Santa telling him where to find them, because he, of course, must deliver them to her friends.

SO EVERYTHING IS READY AND IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT, BIG JOY

CHRISTMAS EVE, DOOR. IT MAKES US THINK BACK THROUGH THE YEARS TO THE DAYS WHEN CHRISTMAS EVE WAS AN ECSTASY OF ANTICIPATION AND CHRISTMAS MORNING THE FINAL FULFILLMENT OF HUMAN DESTINY. AND IT MAKES US A BIT SORRY FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO LITTLE GIRL AND LITTLE BOY NEXT DOOR TO-NIGHT.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLES

To the Editor:—I have read the letter in to-night's issue of the department crossword competitor with interest and some amusement.

Having had a considerable experience with crosswords published by the journals of the Old Country, I should like to tell Mr. Hall that the competitions now being run here and in America are the most fair and scientific and provide a much larger field of skill than any I have yet come across, and if they are continued on the same lines I do not think the withdrawal of your correspondent will affect their success or otherwise.

He may also point out that the clue of sometimes of singular or plural instance the word "crisis" which is often used in the singular when the plural "crises" would be more grammatically correct.

However, I agree with your correspondent that "apoge" in the case referred to seemed to fit the bill and I used it, but I have no grievance that it is proved to be incorrect.

A. T. FRAMPTON.
1190 May Street, Victoria, B.C.
December 22, 1931.

THE GOLDEN ELECTION

To the Editor:—Now that the Golden election is over, and the smoke of battle has cleared away, it would be interesting to know just how much it cost the government to contest this seat.

With cabinet ministers traveling back and forth, speech-making, auto., etc., etc., the cost must have been considerable.

The people of the province have been led to believe that the government has adopted a policy of non-intervention in the world's economy taking place in the civil service, unemployment, etc. Would it not have been real economy if there had not been so many ministers taking part in this election (when the government finds it so hard to find money to help the unemployed in the province)?

The result of the by-election has definitely shown that the people of Gordon are not in accordance with the Tolmie Government's economic schemes and unemployment relief, but will have to be shown a better policy than the present one that was represented to the voters on Saturday last.

A. T. FRAMPTON.
MANCHURIA

To the Editor:—In reply to your correspondent, Mr. Ellis Tucker, who replied to my letter on the Manchurian crisis, I feel some further elucidation by facts is advisable, not to convince your correspondent, but to prevent your readers from being misled.

When bandits or robbers chief become so bold that he seizes the reins of government, and his followers compel him to declare himself governor over the whole province, when that governor appoints men from his robber ranks and makes them chief magistrates, military generals and local officials, and when that governor knows he dare not go too far against the wishes of his followers in ruling the country, I would call that bandit domination.

Just a year before I left China the city I resided in was attacked by bands of robbers and when it was discovered that they had again captured the city that they would have four hours' free looting of everybody and then would make them all soldiers—all of which actually took place as arranged.

My own home was invaded. I saw soldiers in uniform fully armed going to homes, and heard the screams of frightened women everywhere.

With a gun-gang gets behind in payment of wages to his soldiers as so often happens, he dismembers them with complete soldiers' dress and outfit, and tells them to get food where they can, knowing full well they start to rob the people in all the districts they pass through. In some instances in these districts have seen the soldiers' hands and feet of their tales of how they were robbed.

Soldiers who are dismissed in times of good government do deliver up their outfit and uniform to their officers, and if some of them become bandits later they must steal or buy them, but such times are rare. In the times of the past as evidenced by the enormous number of bandit bands in soldiers' uniforms, not only in Manchuria but in China also.

It is not generally known in Europe and Canada that there are such corruption and misrule as to allow the bandit chief to become a chief magistrate, and they are now sending a commission to investigate actual conditions in the territory, is to me proof that they now, themselves, condemn their former handling.

Our correspondent essays to believe that I am opposed to the work of the League of Nations because I have strongly condemned their handling of the Manchurian crisis. By the fact that their findings have been abandoned, and they are now sending a commission to investigate actual conditions in the territory, is to me proof that they now, themselves, condemn their former handling.

I hold no brief for Japan, but I have many personal friends in China and it is my knowledge of what the common people have to endure there because of corrupt and inefficient government which urges me to do what I can to help the people.

There are hundreds of thousands of intelligent Chinese throughout China, who know what is wrong with the nation, who know the almost hopeless position of the people, and who want a loyal united government and people protecting the country, and it is a question



Christmas Greetings

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Canadian Legion Christmas Tree

Special to The Times

Duncan, Dec. 24.—Over 200 children had a good time at the Canadian Legion entertainment provided by the Canadian Legion, assisted by their W.A. Ladies. The tree was decorated with colored lights provided by Mr. Kinn

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CUT IN GRANTS RAISES OUTCRY

North Cowichan Municipality Endorses Proposal U.B.C.M. Watch Session Here

Seek Government's Written Agreement on Financing of Chemainus Sewerage

Special to The Times

Duncan, Dec. 24.—North Cowichan municipal council met here Wednesday with the reeve in the chair. In the matter of the proposed cut in grants by the government a proposal from the town former organization was allowed to lapse were instructed to prepare a constitution and call a meeting between Christmas and the end of the year so that some organized action might be taken to watch the interests of the electorate at the forthcoming civic election.

Among the taxpayers contributing to the debate were George Bird, last president of the old association, Major R. J. Burde and Alderman Jones.

E. J. Cronk explained fully the technical requirements for eligibility of voters of various classes. Anthony Watson, old-timer and alderman for several years, told the early history of the town, advantage of the opportunity to announce his intention of again contesting the election for alderman.

It was recalled that when the old Ratepayers' Association was active it had been responsible for the adoption of a policy of selling all tax-reverted lands at the upset price. It was claimed that this policy had saved the city from bankruptcy at a time when finances were in a critical condition, due to default of the Alberni Land Company, owner of half the city properties.

Port Alberni, Dec. 24.—The Christmas concert of the Presbyterian Church was held Tuesday evening in the Anglican Hall. An entertaining programme was presented by the children.

California for the Holidays!



What better Christmas present than a jaunt down into California's sunshine? San Francisco, Los Angeles, Del Monte, San Diego, or Palm Springs—these are a few suggestions.

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Even Unto Bethlehem

Donald A. Fraser

They came, those holy angels,
To lowly Bethlehem;
They sang their song exulting,
And glory shone with them;
A message of salvation

They brought to mortal ken,
And Earth in rapture echoed.

"Peace, Goodwill to men!"

He came, the gracious Christ-Child,
Upon His manger-throne,
The Word of God the Father,
To claim the world His own;

He showed us love immortal;
Revealed eternal life;

Gave comfort in all sorrow,

And victory in strife!

They came, those humble Shepherds,
They knelt before the Child;
They clasped rough hands before Him,
And sought His blessing mild;

Receiving, in great gladness

Returned to them their fields,

And evermore their toiling

A newer meaning yields.

They came, those star-led Wise Men,
With incense, myrrh, and gold;
They laid their best before Him,
This King by God foretold;

A-gaze beyond the present,

They saw His power increase,

Until o'er all the nations

Should spread His reign of peace!

They came, those countless pilgrims,
From that day down to this,
To see where fell His footsteps;

That sacred soil to kiss;

They brought their sins and sorrows,

Their sighs and bitter tears,

And with his calm sweet faith-touch

He stilled their doubts and fears.

We come the King to worship,

In waiting Bethlehem;

We bring our hands in offering;

Our hearts, a diadem;

We pledge our loyal service,

In quiet loving way;

God, bring His Kingdom nearer

By what we do to-day!

THE DOLL THAT TALKED

Learns Secrets of Her Mistress Violet Night After Christmas; Roy, a Little Puppy, Had Too Much Meat at His Meals and When Snapping at Violet, the Doll Decided to Sacrifice Her Life.

By C. A. J.

When your mothers were girls very few dolls could open and shut their eyes. They may nearly all do this to day. The joy of joys, this is the tale of one that talks.

My first memory is of sitting on a table in a Chicago building. Looking through a window I felt greatly attracted by big dazzling ball of yellow fire.

If Roy would have taken a peek through the window at that very moment, you would have seen rows and rows of naked bodies, some sitting some lying, on dozens and dozens of tables.

My first set of clothes gave me many funs indeed. I felt very becoming in my velvet and lace dress.

On leaving Chicago by train, I was spoken of as a dark, well-dressed, curly-haired doll, with bright brown eyes and rosy cheeks.

A long train journey, a short sea trip, and I was to be found in a big store in your own city of Victoria.

RED-LETTER DAY

It was a red-letter day for me when a certain lady and her daughter came into that store.

The lady was kindly eyed; her daughter was a bennie-eyed, curly headed, dimpled-cheeked lass of six.

The lass and I liked each other from the start. This resulted in my being bought for her—1931 Christmas present.

On Christmas morning at 6:30 o'clock (she had been awake since 5) I was presented to her.

She instantly named me Bertha and gave me a great big hug. As you know, my eyes always close when I lie down. Well, after that first hug from my mistress (her name was Violet) I felt so full of joy that when she laid me down my eyes wouldn't close. However, a nice big smacking kiss and they worked fine.

I knew you will understand when I say that Violet and I will never have such a perfectly marvelous Christmas as this one together.

Ah, the many secrets she whispered into my ear! I know that she would never tell the grown-ups them, and of course, I felt very proud.

Can I ever forget how happy I was, when Violet refused to let go of me to open up some parcels that came off the Christmas tree? What a wonderful sight she was then; her eyes gleamed brighter than the lights on the Christmas tree.

Good things can not go on forever, even Christmas Day has to end.

PUT TO BED

When this one ended I was in a big, soft, fluffy bed, being hugged over so tightly by my new and wonderful mistress. A happy smile was on my face.

A big surprise awaited the family the next morning. Owing to a train wreck one Christmas present was not brought to the house when it should have been. A postman brought it the next day.

Horrors and—oh, the present was a live, four-legged puppy.

From the first I did not like the look of the yellow specks in his eyes. However, he became one of the family and for three or four weeks we were very happy family.

Then I began to feel worried, for Roy, the puppy, at times behaved in very peculiar ways. He would run into walls, bump his head against anything or anybody, roll on the floor,

kick his legs in the air and suddenly quiet down and become a happy puppy again.

I felt terrible when he began snapping at Violet, my beloved mistress. I made up my mind to watch him carefully.

One afternoon Violet, the puppy and I were having great fun in the playroom.

Suddenly the puppy took one of his peculiar spells. It seemed to remain with him much longer than usual. He snapped at Violet often. Violet was frightened; she could not move.

MAD DOG

With a shock that nearly stunned me the thought entered my head that the puppy was raving mad.

I remembered having heard that a bite from a mad dog meant death to the victim.

What would I do to save my beautiful mistress? A daring idea came to me. Did I have enough courage to give my own life to save Violet's?

I knew that certain stuff with which my body was made would poison the puppy if he bit me, but I would die too.

This thought gave me a creepy feeling down my back.

I was only a doll, but I would be brave and make up my mind to bite and save Violet's life, even if I died myself.

By falling off the couch I caught the puppy's eye. He dashed towards me, opened his mouth as if to bite, and then fell in a heap on the floor. But he was breathing, therefore he couldn't be dead.

I felt glad because by this time I was beginning to like him. The kindly eyed lady sent for the doctor. Smiling he said, the doctor said, the puppy was not dead because he had eaten too much meat with his meal. He promised Violet that in three days Roy would be as healthy as herself.

The doctor was right.

Violet, Roy, the puppy, and I are now the best of friends, and have lots and lots of fun together.

Rocky Point

The annual meeting of the East Sooke Farmers' Institute was held in the hall on December 14. The secretary gave a report of the year's activities, and thanked the members for their support during the year. The election of officers then took place. The following officers were elected: President, Fergus Reid was elected as vice-president; Thomas Cartwright was made secretary-treasurer. The directors are Geo. Bell, F. Caffery, H. Drew, L. Eddy, P. Lukey and A. Cane were appointed auditors. After the meeting adjourned and a general social hour followed.

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Kindergarten Holds Christmas Closing

The Playhouse Kindergarten school on Beach Drive held its closing exercises yesterday afternoon under the guidance of Miss Irene Ross. The children presented a delightful Christmas programme of songs and rhythmic exercises for the entertainment of their mothers and friends. Little Susette Baker opened the programme with a song, followed by the "Befinders: Gallop" by all the children. Christine Hirsch sang "Little Jack Horner". Phyllis Heiris led the group in "How Do You Do, Partner?" John Scobey, Harold Murphy and Michael McGivern sang "Holly Wreaths", and David Carter "The Toyman." A group rendition of "Three Little Kittens" proved very amusing, and was followed by "Jingle Bells" by all the children. An impressive feature was the singing by all the children of the carols, "Holy Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful." Selections by the toy orchestra concluded the programme.

Gifts were then distributed from the Christmas tree, the children having made the charming pointsettia calendar decorations. The children presented to their mothers the little tots also making the novel decorations which adorned the tree.

Care of Trees

After the leaves and dead branches have fallen off the trees, there is the time to give them proper attention. Split crotches, egg masses, scales, black knots and other ailments can be easily spotted and remedied.

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Miss D. Pooley Makes Her Debut At Hotel Dance

Attorney-General and Mrs. R. H. Pooley Entertain for Daughter

Delightful "Coming-out" Dance Held in Empress Private Dining-rooms

Miss Daphne Pooley, who recently returned from school in France, made her formal debut at a delightful pre-Christmas dance given at the Empress Hotel yesterday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Pooley and Mrs. Pooley, the affair being one of the outstanding social functions arranged for the entertainment of the younger set during the week.

The pretty young debutante, looking charming in her silken gold-white velvet, made on long simple lines, received with her parents in the Prince Albert and Princess Charlotte dining-rooms which were beautifully arranged with masses of pink begonia and ferns. Dancing took place in these rooms. Tea supper was served in the Duke of Kent Room, white and gold chrysanthemum and greenery and Christmas favors decorating the tables.

THE INVITED GUESTS

The invited guests included the Misses Helen Johnson, Lucy Bryden, Laura Audain, Maria Prior, Mollie Wattie, Margaret Watson, Kathleen Wilson, Adel and Mary Bucklin, Eileen Tomlin, Elizabeth Edwards, Ruth Moore, Margaret Homer Dixon, Louise Wilkerson, Mary Hunter, Rosemary McCallum, Anna Horner, Ethel and Margaret Galilith, Anna Horner, Ethel, Phyllis Barton, Irene Kerr, Margaret Sheret, Beryl Nelson, Mabel and Viva Brown, Betty Bechtel, Daphne Allen, Doris Banks, Alvia Brunn, Sue MacKenzie, Betty Bapty, Helen Campbell, Peace and Norah Cornwall, Adele Combe, Pamela Charlewood, Mrs. Constance Cuthbert, Constance Cawall, Marian Canham (Vancouver), Angela Davis, Joe Delves, Betty Monteith, Marianne Fraser, Betty Goldie, Elizabeth Garrett, Jean Gilespie, Calla Goldsmith, Mary Carlyle Hammond, Pat Hameraley, Eleanor Heisterman, Joan Lennox, Veldt and Joe Rithee, Sheila McBride, Elizabeth, Jeanne, Cecilia, Constance, Dorothy, McCallum, Pat McConnaan, Mary Martin, Margaret Merrick, Eleanor Muirhead, Kate Parker, Rosalind Pease, Phyllis Pendry, Margot Robertson, Alice and Christie Semmes, Maise Swan, Vera Sharland, Barbara Twigg, Marjory Todd, Frances Musgrave and Reg Freeman.

Miss Beatrice McKinnon will arrive in the city to-morrow morning from Seattle, to be the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Webb Standard Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leeming of 660 Beacon Street are receiving congratulations to-day upon the attainment of their silver wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Forbes and family of Cowichan Bay are visitors in Victoria and are the guests of Mrs. A. A. Fanning, Foul Bay Road.

Mr. Reginald Price of "Mereside," Ganges, has been spending a few days in Victoria as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Freeman.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Bellamy of Moose Jaw arrived in Victoria yesterday afternoon and while in Victoria will be the guest of Rev. E. F. Church and Mrs. Church, Johnson Street.

Miss Wendy Butler of San Francisco, who has been visiting in Victoria as the guest of Mrs. E. Malloy, Jubilee Avenue, left this morning on her return journey to her home in California.

Rev. Dr. W. J. Sippell of Moose Jaw arrived in Victoria yesterday afternoon on a visit to his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Johns, who moved this week into their new home on Beach Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Roberts went out to Vancouver yesterday, where they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Farrant for the Christmas season.

Mr. E. L. Jones of Vancouver, who arrived this afternoon to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Agnew Schuhmann, Rockland Avenue, is staying at the Union Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peasey of Vancouver will arrive in Victoria to-morrow to visit for a few days with Mr. Peasey's father, Mr. A. H. Peasey, Fairfield Road, and Mrs. A. H. Peasey.

Miss Alison McTavish, librarian of the King Edward High School, Vancouver, is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McTavish, Helmcken Road.

Miss Dorothy Morris has gone over to North Salt Spring Island to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Case Morris, of Fernwood.

Dr. J. H. Mackay of Oakland, California, is expected to arrive on the 21st Alexander this evening to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Mary Mackay, 933 Mears Street.

Miss Harry Bray came over from Vancouver on Tuesday with her small son, Marshall, to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. Peters, Esquimalt. Bray joining them to-day.

Mr. J. L. Nisholis has returned to his home in Victoria after spending a few days on Salt Spring Island, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elliott, at Ganges Harbor.

Miss Genevieve Sonorenson, a student at the Provincial Normal School, has gone to Kamloops, where she is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sonorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Macdonald of Vancouver arrived in Victoria this morning from the mainland to be the guests of Mrs. Macdonald's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lane Holmes, Beach Drive, for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. C. S. Zolotochkin of Vancouver has arrived to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Gourlay Lang, Monterey Avenue. Mr. Zolotochkin has left for England, where his wife will join him early in the new year.

Mrs. F. W. Forster, the Windermere Hotel, will have as her guests at a dinner party on Christmas evening her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Forbes of Cowichan Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Neddy Goddard and Mr. and Mrs. Norton Taylor.

Mrs. C. S. Sweeney of Vancouver and her son, Mr. Campbell Sweeney, arrived in Victoria this afternoon and will spend a few days here as the guests of her mother, Mrs. C. E. Pooley, Lammington Street.

Mrs. J. S. C. Fraser, St. Charles Street, has as her guests her mother, Mrs. M. N. English of New Westminster, and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. English of New Westminster, both of whom arrived in Victoria yesterday afternoon.

Miss Gregory of Fredericton, New Brunswick, arrived in Victoria yesterday afternoon on a visit to her brother, Mr. Justice F. G. Gregory and his wife, Mrs. Gregory, Craigdarroch.

Miss Marjorie Leeming of Vancouver, of the teaching staff of the King Edward High School, Vancouver, is spending her Christmas vacation in Victoria as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leeming, Dallas Road.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Royal Garage December 19 when Rev. J. Bowbrick united in marriage Miss Viola Custisson of Chase River, and Mr. Colin McArthur of this city. Miss Nora Mackie was in attendance upon the bride, the groom being supported by Mr. William Dykes.

FUNERAL AT COURTEEN

Courtenay, Dec. 24.—Residents of Courtenay and district were grieved to hear of the death of little Noreen four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goulding Wilson, St. Charles Street.

Major and Mrs. L. G. Fanning and family arrived in the city to-day from Cowichan Bay and will be the guests of Mrs. Fanning's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Teddie Allen, St. Patrick Street.

Mrs. G. Humber of Seattle, formerly of Victoria, arrived this afternoon to spend Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Webster, Moss Street. Later she will be the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bray, Winter Avenue, Mr. Maurice Humber of Vancouver, also visiting Dr. and Mrs. Webster for the Christmas holidays.

PERSONAL

MARRIED IN CHICAGO TO-DAY



DR. R. H. B. (HEBER) JONES

Well-known Victorian, was quietly married to-day in Chicago at the home of the bride's parents, to Miss Maurine Hall, who was formerly an instructress at the Washington State College at Pullman, Washington. Dr. Jones, who is the son of Mr. H. Jones of Vancouver, formerly of 633 Michigan Street, attended Victoria High School and graduated from the University of British Columbia, taking a post-graduate course at Wisconsin University and is now geologist of the Oliver Iron Mining Company, Minnesota. Dr. and Mrs. Jones are originally from Dr. and Mrs. Jones will leave for a honeymoon in Oklahoma, where Dr. Jones will attend a big mining engineers' convention at Tulsa. They will afterwards make their home at Duluth, Minnesota.

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SOCIAL, PERSONAL AND HOME INTERESTS

Heart Hungry

BY LAURA LOU BROOKMAN
AUTHOR OF "DASH ROMANCE"
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CHAPTER I

Celia Rogers whirled about. Then the color in her cheeks deepened and a fluttering little laugh caught in her throat.

"Oh, hello—" she began, but was interrupted.

"Say, Celia, where in the world are you rushing off to on a hot day like this? Guess I surprised you. Oh, but this is great news! We got the most exciting news!"

"Well, Helen, you're taller than Celia.

She was slender, dressed in flowing beige silk and radiating youthful assurance. Before the other had time to speak she hurried onpell-mell.

"We're going to Europe! Isn't it grand? Mother and I. We're going to take a northern cruise—England, Scotland and the Scandinavian countries, and then finish up with Paris. Isn't it marvelous? Oh, it's so hot here. Let's have a soda and cool off and I'll tell you all about it. Besides, I want to know what you've been doing."

There was the slightest perceptible tightening of Celia Rogers' red lips.

"Sorry, Helen. I'd love to, but I just can't—"

"Oh, yes, you can. Come on. It won't take five minutes." The other smiled.

"No, I've got an appointment. I'm awfully glad you're going to have such a wonderful trip, and I do wish I could hear all about it. Maybe I'll see you again before you leave."

"Well, we're sailing a week from to-night."

"Good-bye, then. Have a grand time! Good-bye!"

Before Helen Spencer could detain her longer Celia was off down the street and the bright smile with which she had started faded. Celia did not look back, but went on briskly.

There were two excellent reasons why she could not waste time over an ice cream soda with Helen Spencer that afternoon.

One was to be found in the painfully slim little purse clenched in Celia Rogers' left hand. The other was an address written in pencil upon a slip of paper within that purse. Celia was on her way now to that address to apply for a job.

She had to have the job—she had to!

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Celia was repeating this to herself firmly as she hurried along the hot sidewalk. It was a fact she had not been invited to the Spencer home. She had not even expected such an invitation.

Both girls were graduated now—Helen setting off for Europe and Celia hurrying home.

If there was a trace of bitterness in the girl's face as she hurried along the hot street, it should be forgiven. Bitterness comes so easily to those for whom the chance to work is an unobtainable luxury.

Celia Rogers' lunch had been a sandwich and sandwich eaten at a soda fountain counter. The shiny little coins in her purse would have totaled less than the price of a rich mixture of fruits and cream which Helen Spencer was consuming at that moment.

Celia turned again into a side street halfway down the block she hesitated before a brief office building, glancing up at the number over the doorway. Yes, this was the place. She entered.

"Watkins Letter Company" was the name Celia hunted for on the office directory board in the lobby. She found it. The Watkins Letter Company was located, according to the directory, on the fourth floor of the building.

The girl signaled for the elevator and a few seconds later stepped into the fourth floor corridor.

"Third door to your left, ma'am," the languid, dark-skinned elevator operator volunteered, pointing toward an open door.

(To be Continued)

ON CHRISTMAS RADIO PROGRAMME



The Christmas spirit will be spread Christmas Eve by such examples as the annual presentation by the Columbia Broadcasting System of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" with the same actors in the cast—Robert Vivian as "Scrooge" and Donald Hughes as "Tiny Tim," shown here, and the singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night," by Madame Schumann-Heink (inset) over NBC network.

SIDE GLANCES

By George Clark



"Say! Who do you kids think I am—Santa Claus?"

Radio Highlights

KJR, SEATTLE

To-night

6 p.m.—Lovable Liars, NBC.
6:15 p.m.—Master of Music, NBC.
6:30 p.m.—Radio Ballet, NBC.
7 p.m.—Rising Junior, NBC.
8 p.m.—Eight Girls—see chantey, NBC.
8:15 p.m.—Pan American Orchestra and "Our Host," NBC.

9 p.m.—Mishkin Merrick's Vagabonds, NBC.

10 p.m.—Earl Burnette's Orchestra, NBC.

11:30 p.m.—Ogden Concert.

To-morrow

6 a.m.—Crossroads of the Log o' the Day, NBC.

9 a.m.—Stringwood Ensemble, NBC.

9:45 a.m.—Organ Recital, NBC.

10 a.m.—Aladdin Tabernacle Choir and Organ, NBC.

12:15 p.m.—Milana Street Singers, NBC.

2:45 p.m.—Musical Moments, NBC.

4 p.m.—Stringwood Ensemble, NBC.

4:45 p.m.—Lovable Liars, NBC.

4:45 p.m.—Teen and Sain, NBC.

7 p.m.—Rising Junior, NBC.

8:15 p.m.—Radio Revue programme, NBC.

8:15 p.m.—Paul Van Loon's Orchestra and "Our Host," NBC.

9:30 p.m.—Football Story, NBC.

10 p.m.—Earl Burnette's Orchestra, NBC.

10:30 p.m.—Mishkin Merrick's Orchestra.

John Fogarty, NBC.

Saturday

11 a.m.—Crossroads of the Log o' the Day, NBC.

9 a.m.—Morning Melodrama, NBC.

9:45 a.m.—Parlor Pictures, NBC.

10 a.m.—Radio Ramblings, NBC.

10:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, NBC.

11:30 a.m.—Earl Burnette's Orchestra and "Our Host," NBC.

New York, NBC.

1 p.m.—Contract Bridge talk, NBC.

4:45 p.m.—Balled Singers, NBC Orchestra.

5 p.m.—Columbia Music, NBC.

5:15 p.m.—Hal Grayson and his orchestra, NBC.

6 p.m.—Dramatic Musicals, NBC.

6:15 p.m.—Modern Melodrama, NBC.

6:30 p.m.—Women's Magazine, NBC.

7 p.m.—"Silent Night, Holy Night," between 5 and 6 p.m., broadcast through the National Broadcasting Company's station KOMO, Seattle. Rudy Vallee and his orchestra will also participate in the programme.

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Arthur Collingwood; professor of music, University of Saskatchewan, will be adjudicator for vocal, choral and instrumental classes at the musical festival to be held in Nanaimo in April.

Departure Bay school children held their annual Christmas concert Dec. 18. After a programme of songs, dialogue and pantomime, the children entertained by Santa Claus. Refreshments were served by Miss Ward, the teacher, and her assistants.

A pleasant gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cochran, December 19, when the teachers of Nanaimo Baptist Sunday school were assembled in honor of their superintendent, Mr. Carter, and his wife. The pastor, Mr. Bowbrick, on behalf of the present, and Mr. Carter, on behalf of the former, presented a Bible. In masking the presentation, Mr. Carter referred to the splendid work that had been accomplished by Mr. Carter as superintendent. Mrs. Carter was presented with a bouquet by S. Madill.

Nanaimo, Dec. 24.—The regular meeting of the A.Y.P.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Renney, Victoria Road, when it was decided to proceed with the formation of a rugby club.

Lyric Players Will Present Famous Play By J. M. Barrie at Royal Victoria

Announcement is made to-day that the Lyric Players will present Sir James M. Barrie's wonderful fantasy "Peter Pan" at the Royal Victoria Theatre next Wednesday, December 30. There will be matinee and evening performances.

The story will be welcomed by the hundreds who were disappointed by the cancellation of the Christmas week performance of this famous play. The Lyric Players, with a cast of thirty-five, bring an interpretation of the play with every gesture, pose and accentuation exactly as it was originally produced in London at the Duke of York's Theatre. Sir James Barrie, one of the principal in the original production.

Mail orders for seat reservations are now being received at the box office of the Royal Victoria Theatre.

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34 Spirit of the
ses. "Jesus?"
35 Imaginary
being.

36 Small isolated
patch.

37 Reason.

44 Black.
45 Darlings.
46 Back.

47 An English
physician and
author, Sir
Oliver ____?

48 Projection of
a lock.

49 Onager.

50 Tiny golf
mountain.

51 Glaze on
pottery.

52 Ocean.

53 Artesian.

54 Sloth.

55 Perched.

56 South.

57 America.

58 Slog.

59 Belong?

60 South.

61 Covered with
clay blocks.

62 Vessels.

63 Rat.

64 Grass plot.

65 Rental con-
tracts.

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71 Scarlet.

72 Frozen water.

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77 America.

78 Europe.

79 Sun god.

80 Silk not yet
twisted.

81 Inequality.

82 Melody.

83 Doves' home.

84 Tree.

85 To take
care of.

86 Crying.

87 Of what state
is Franklin
Roosevelt
Governor?

88 Good.

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90 Senior.

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OBITUARY

Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, Rev. R. Connell officiated at the funeral service for Emma Jean Crowther, who passed away in Seattle on December 20. Two hymns were sung, "Shall We Gather at the River?" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Interment was made in Rose Bay Cemetery, the following act as pallbearers: T. J. Wachter, Dell Smith, E. Tomas and W. McPad-

den. The death occurred at the King's Daughters' Hospital on Tuesday of A. Lockwood, J.P. of Victoria Lake. He was born at Wakefield, England, and served in the Victoria Rifles, Montreal, for twelve years. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Acker of Cumberland; three brothers, Harry, of Buckingham, P.Q.; Herbert, of Port Hope, and Reginald, of Montreal, and two sisters, Mrs. F. A. Engle, of Montreal, and Mrs. J. Witton, of Engle. Mr. Lockwood was a life member of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada.

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Mr. Dean came to Victoria in 1914, residing here ever since. He was a prominent member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his widow and the family residence, also three cousins, Mrs. Crow Baker, Mrs. E. Burke-Roche and Mrs. W. W. Spinks, all of Victoria.

The funeral will take place from St. Andrew's Church on Saturday at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will be made at the Oak Bay Cemetery.

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EMPRESS SCENE OF MUCH GAIETY FOR CHRISTMAS

Six Hundred Guests Will Attend Christmas Dinner To-morrow Evening

All the gaiety of Yuletide will be in evidence at the Empress Hotel to-morrow evening when over 600 guests will be entertained at the Christmas dinner. There will be a large number of visitors at the dinner, although the majority of the guests will be local people intent upon extracting the greatest amount of pleasure from the holiday season.

The great dining-room and the Tudor grill will be utilized for the serving of dinner. There will be special Christmas music by the hotel orchestra and the Crystal ballroom will be reserved for dancing.

Jean Frisch, the hotel chef, promises to excel himself in the production of a menu that will contain many delightful surprises. The feature of the dinner to-morrow night will be the bringing in of the Yule log and the carrying in of the boar's head, ancient Yuletide custom.

The many guests at the Empress over the holiday will be Sir Rodmond P. Roblin and Lady Roblin of Winnipeg, who reached the city this afternoon from Vancouver. Sir Rodmond is a former premier of Manitoba.

The hoary is in its most attractive dress for the season's celebration. Gaily decorated Christmas trees are to be found in all the public room and cedar boughs and holly form the decorative scheme. The exterior of the building will be ablaze with light at night with illuminated trees flanking the imposing pile.

BETTER TRADE THAN EXPECTED

Fruit and Vegetable Stores Enjoy Large Christmas Patronage

The Christmas trade in fruit and vegetables has exceeded expectations, but ample supplies are on hand to meet all demands, according to the semi-weekly bulletin of the markets branch of the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

Cereals are reported to be high priced and scarce, due to the recent frost. The wholesale price is from 80c to 90c per dozen. Local hothouse strawberries made their appearance on the market in limited quantities and are selling at 20c per pound. Local Brussels sprouts are selling at 7c per pound. Cauliflower is being imported from California and quoted at \$2.25 per flat crate.

Apples are in good supply for Christmas trade and prices are unchanged, reports from Vancouver indicate.

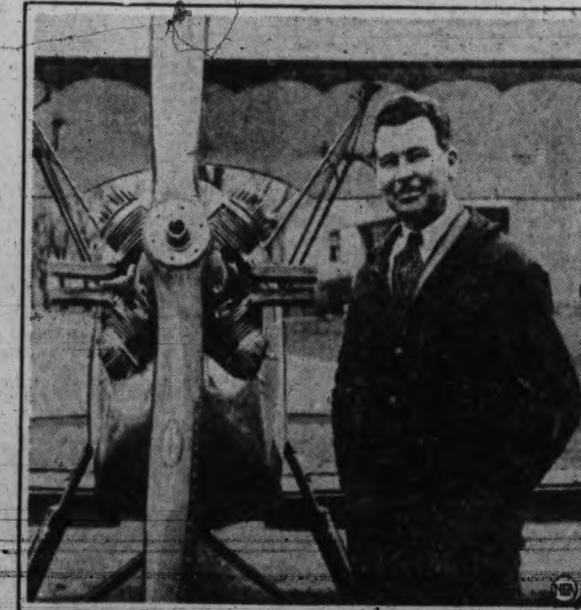
Business is good. Jap oranges are moving more freely, some dealers being cleaned out. Hothouse tomatoes are offered at \$4.50 per lug, and are of inferior quality.

Oranges are expected to advance in price, the same is true of lettuce which has been affected by the heavy rains in California.

Oranges and grapefruit have arrived on the market from Jamaica.

Eggs are down to 29c per dozen, for extras, to the retailer. Other sizes are down in proportion.

VALVELESS AIRPLANE MOTOR



Chicago engineers have designed an unusual motor for use on "flying" planes. The motor, shown here with one of its designers, Wilson Herren, is a four-cylinder, air-cooled affair having no valves. The pistons do the work of valves, says Herren, and each stroke of the piston results in an explosion. Therefore, he adds, the motor equals an eight-cylinder unit. Also ordinary gasoline is used instead of more expensive aviation gas.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Doris Winter was fined \$25 in the Provincial Police Court yesterday afternoon for cruelty to animals.

The Provincial Museum will be closed to-morrow, Christmas Day, but will be open on Saturday from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Victoria Public Library will be closed to-morrow, Christmas Day, but will be open on Saturday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., the usual hours.

For driving to the common danger K. H. Stevens was fined \$20 in the Oak Bay Police Court yesterday afternoon.

The following are the winning numbers in the Christmas drawing by the Ancient Order of United Workmen: 1223, 1347, 19, 233, 122, 797, 948, 305, 357, 612.

Frank Le Roy has resigned the presi-

sion of the executive held at the City Hall on Tues-

day evening the resignation was pre-

sented and accepted.

The city to-day received a cheque for \$4,500 from the provincial govern-

ment being the government's annual contribution toward the new agricultural buildings at the Willowes fair-

grounds.

The editorial staff of The Times

wishes to acknowledge with thanks

Christmas greetings, together with

cigars, cigarettes and chocolates from

Mayor Anscomb, Ald. J. A. Worthing,

Chief of Police Thomas Healey and

the Victoria Pipe Driving Company.

A candle mass service at St.

Paul's Lutheran Church at 8:30

o'clock this evening; Holy Eu-

charist at St. Barnabas' Church at

11:45 o'clock, and Pontifical High

Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral at

midnight, will be the first of many

special services in the churches in

observation of Christmas Day.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

At St. Andrew's Cathedral this eve-

ning the customary Christmas Eve

midnight mass will be celebrated by Bishop Murray.

The Bishop enters the "Triumphal

March" Lemmens, will be played,

followed by "Silent Night," sung by

the choir.

As "Christ's Mass" begins the choir

will render Dr. R. R. Terry's mass, in

unison by treble voices.

The introit, gradual and offertory

will be intoned, and the communion

will be offered to the altar.

The priest will sing "Adeste Fideles."

At the retirement Ernest Paul will

sing "Minuit Chretien," followed by

Bach's "Puge in F minor."

Mrs. Margarite McKay will be organist and

the conductor will be Arthur Cowden.

CHRIST CHURCH

The services at Christ Church Cath-

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ST. BARNABAS'S

The Christmas services will com-

mence with Holy Eucharist at 11:45

o'clock on Christmas Eve. Holy

Communion at 8 and 11 o'clock.

ST. SAVIOUR'S

There will be celebrations of Holy

Communion at 8 and 11 o'clock. Rev.

Alan Gardner, M.A.

ST. MICHAEL'S, ROYAL OAK

The Christmas Day services will be

Holy Communion at 8 o'clock and ser-

mon and Holy Communion at 10:30.

ST. COLUMBA'S

There will be sermon and Holy

Communion at 10:30 o'clock, the pre-

acher being Rev. F. W. Mortimer.

ST. LUKE'S, CEDAR HILL

There will be a celebration of the

Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and at

11 o'clock, there will be morning

prayer, choral communion and ser-

mon by the Rev. P. T. Rowe, D.D., Bishop of Alaska.

There will be special Christmas

music, and the offering will be devoted

to the clergy, widows and orphans' fund.

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Three Football Matches Are To Be Played Over Holidays

THE SPORTS MIRROR

Goal Tending One of Most Dangerous Jobs in Hockey

Old Question of Hardest Drive in N.H.L. Arises Again

United States-born Team Can Now Be Picked From Major Loop

Women Athletes Going in Strong for Throwing of Javelin

GOAL keeping at one time considered one of the most stable positions in major hockey is now rated among the most dangerous. Roy Worts, who guards the nets for the New York Americans, is an example of the modern goalie who has given up the leading sharpshooters of hockey, and living to tell the tale in stitches. He has seven in his forehead, one back of the ear, five in the mouth, while his eyes have been patched up many times. Recently they booted him in Madison Square Garden. That spot is known as the goal keeper graveyard. Eddie Miller and Chabot were practically hooted out of action there. Now the fans who demand the miraculous of their goal tenders, are picking on Worts.

The old question of the hardest shot in hockey has been popped up again. Morenz, Canadian wizard, would get a high rating from many of the goalies. His shot has played havoc with quite a few. Charlie Conacher, Toronto Leafs, has a big following, while Babe Siebert, Montreal Maroons, gains a following. Frank Marconi, like Cook, has goals from close range, while Goodfellow, Detroit Red Wings, has some shots more accurate than vigorous.

Worts tags Conacher with the hardest drive. Morenz is his second choice and then Siebert. If a fourth is necessary he names George Patterson's practice shots, "cause me he has one of the hardest drives in hockey," says Worts.

It would now be possible to select a team from the National Hockey League, composed of United States players. And such a team would be capable of doing very well. It would be necessary to turn to the minors for an American-born coach and Frank Carroll, now member of the Springfield Indians, could handle the job. Carroll originally hailed from Flint, Mich., and got on the All-American team. Now Smith, Minnesota Maroons gets the call. Smith was born in Bellingham, Wash. Alex Levinsky, Toronto Leafs (Syracuse, N.Y.), and Taffy Abel, Chicago Hawks (Michigan Soo), would compose a first-class defence. Bill Burch, Americans (Yonkers), a former center, has been with the Rangers (Toledo), and Vic Desjardins, Rangers (Michigan Soo), for the wingmen. For substitutes there would be Don Romnes, Chicago (St. Paul), and Tark Boyd, Boston (Philadelphia).

And by the way, that chap Levinsky is the only Jewish player in the N.H.L. He is acquiring himself quite well for his first year in the big time. Alexander is a serious young chap just turned twenty-one. Although American-born, Levinsky learned his hockey in Canada. He is now residing in Canada since it was four months after four years of amateur play Levinsky turned pro.

Ahough a rugged type player, Levinsky has never been knocked out. He has been stung once or twice and two on another. He is an all-round athlete and excelled at rugby, baseball and basketball during his college days. Levinsky already has tagged Joliet, Canadiens forward, as the hardest man in the league to stop. "He can catch on a dime," says Alex. "When you try to knock him, you hit that air." He also holds a healthy record for the Cook brothers and Frank Boucher.

With the addition of the javelin to the Olympic programme, intense interest has been aroused in developing proficiency and skill in the art of tossing the steel-tipped spear. Miss Sylvia Okell is one of England's hopes with the javelin and she is likely to face America's finest women's javelin-thrower, Miss Madeline (Babe) Didurko of Texas.

She, however, has the right to become in gaining distance with this implement that the Finns have had built javelins that have no whip to them. In the United States most of the spears quiver as they sail through the air. The Finnish javelin has no give to it and is far better than the ordinary kind for record attempts.

Its only drawback is that its lack of resiliency makes it very brittle and not appropriate for everyday use.

William Muldoon Is in Hospital

New York, Dec. 24.—William Muldoon, eighty-six-year-old member of the New York State Athletic Commission, yesterday was a patient in Post Graduate Hospital for observation of an unannounced ailment. His nurse said he was sitting up and "very comfortable."

Dr. Joseph C. McCarthy, Muldoon's physician, said he did not care to give the cause of his patient's condition but he indicated it was not serious.

Jokers Will Meet Victoria City In Replay of Cup-tie

First Division Soccer Elevens Meet at Royal Athletic Park To-morrow Morning at 10:30 o'clock in Province Cup Fixture; Last Match Halted by Darkness; Jokers Favored to Win; Saanich Thistles Meet Junior League All-stars in Afternoon; League Match Saturday

Football fans will be well looked after over the holiday weekend with three matches scheduled during the two days. In the feature match of the card the Jokers and Victoria City will clash at the Royal Athletic Park to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock in a replay of their Province Cup fixture. To-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock a picked team from the Victoria Junior League will oppose the Saanich Thistles of the first division in an exhibition fixture. In the only senior match scheduled Saturday the Victoria West eleven and Esquimalt will meet at the Heywood Avenue grounds at 2:30 o'clock.

NATIONS ICE LEAGUE IS A POSSIBILITY

Canada, U.S., England, Italy and Other European Teams in New Loop

Frank Fredrickson Promoting Interest; Hockey Very Popular in Europe

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Possibility that a North American-European Hockey League will be formed by next winter to include Canada, the United States, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Holland and possibly England, has been announced here yesterday by Louis J. Hermet, agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Prague, Czechoslovakia, who is a visitor in Vancouver.

Hockey, Hermet said, has laid strong foundations for European sport lovers and artificial ice palaces, many of them as big as the largest in the country, are springing up in all parts of Europe.

Lack of these facilities has been preventing the game from growing as rapidly as it might have in the past, but this difficulty now seems effectively removed, he said.

FREDDY PROMOTES INTEREST

Frank Fredrickson, who toured Europe with the Olympic champion ship Falcons in 1920 and played with the Victoria Cougars in professional leagues before going to the National League, is promoting Canadian interest in the Transatlantic League, Hermet said.

Support is expected from United States teams and the European teams, with Canadian coaches and much latent talent available, are confident they can make a go of it. A crowd of 1,000 is not unusual at a European hockey match and even if the calibre of play does not compare with the Canadian standard.

Hermet is touring Canada in connection with the Sokolz competition in Prague next June and July when 50,000 gymnasts will take part in massed drills. Special excursions are being made by the Canadian Pacific Railways to accommodate Czechs returning from Canada to Europe for the world-wide festival.

ISLAND GRASS HOCKEY TEAM AFTER TROPHY

Ponzi Is Fourth In Cue Tourney

Five Victorians on Team to Meet Vancouver at Duncan Saturday and Sunday

With five Victorians on the team, Vancouver Island grass hockey players will go into battle at Duncan Saturday and Sunday in an effort to wrest the O. B. Allan Cup, prized trophy for inter-city play, from Vancouver in a two-game series at the up-island grounds. They will be facing an exceptionally strong squad from the Terminal City, but have good chances of regaining the award they held some years ago.

Local men on the squad include, Bird, Williams, Spring, Pat Parr and Hodgen.

In previous seasons games have been played here, but owing to the lack of suitable grounds the fixtures have been slated for the up-island ground THE TEAMS

Results as announced late yesterday follow:

Vancouver Island—Bird, Victoria, goal; Dermot Crofton, Salt Spring; Williams, Victoria, backs; Appleby, Duncan; Denny, Duncan; P. Crofton, Salt Spring, halfbacks; Desmond Crofton, Salt Spring; Shove, Salt Spring; Spring, Victoria; Parr, Victoria; Hodges, Victoria; Ryall, Duncan, forwards.

Mainland—Lees, Cranberries, goal;

Hodgen, Incocks, Coney, C. S. C.; Dickey, Hodson, Cricketers, Sec. I.; Cope, Spurrier, Varsity, halfbacks; Ledington, Vancouver; Tuime, Criketers; Abercrombie, Vancouver; Boo, Cruaders; Coney, Incocks, forwards.

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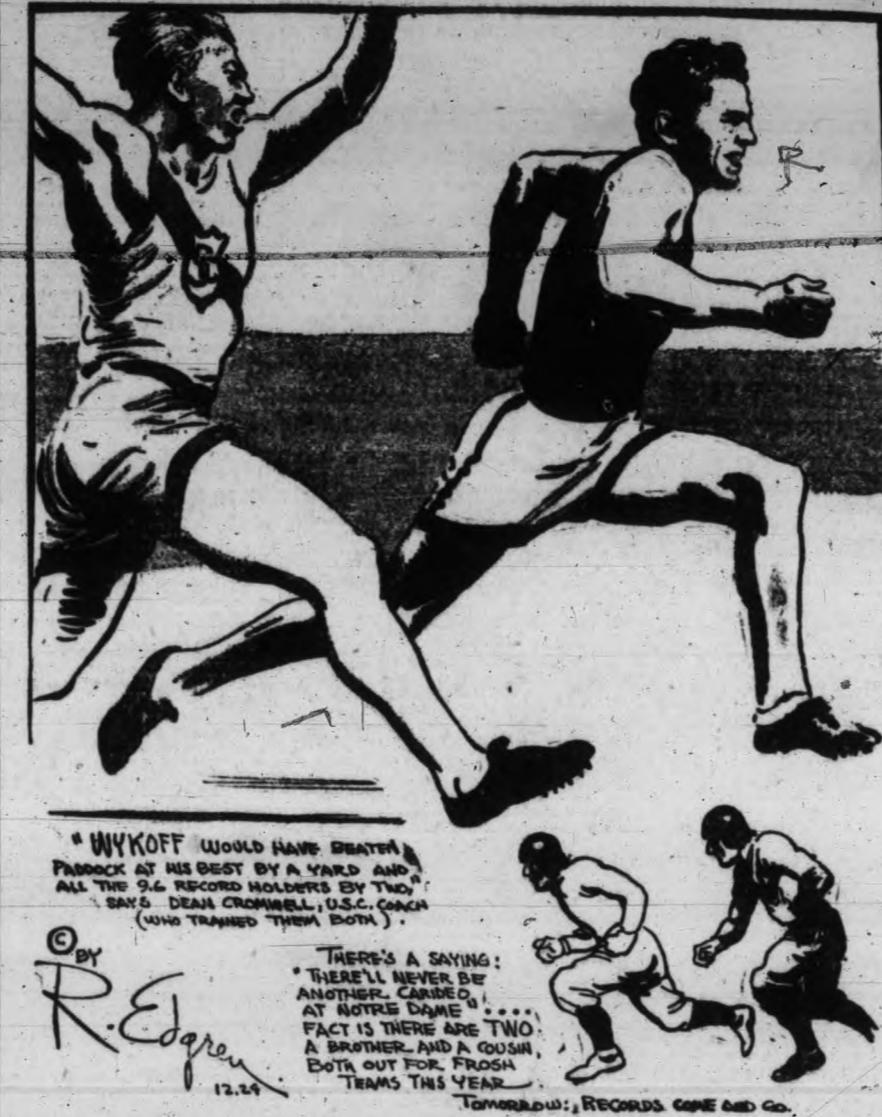
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Miracles of Sport

By Robert Edgren



"**WYKOFF WOULD HAVE BEATEN PARROCK AT HIS BEST BY A YARD AND A HALF**," SAY THE 9-6 RECORD HOLDERS IN TWO, SAYS DEAN CROMWELL, U.S.C. COACH (WHO TRAINED THEM BOTH).

THERE'S A SAYING: "THERE'll NEVER BE ANOTHER CARLISI AT NOTRE DAME." FACT IS THERE ARE TWO, A BROTHER AND A COUSIN, BOTH OUT FOR FRESH TEAMS THIS YEAR.

TOMORROW: RECORDS COME AND GO.

HOCKEY

Toronto To Battle Canadiens For Lead



First Place in Canadian Section of N.H.L. at Stake in Montreal To-night

Canadiens Weakened By Injuries to Stars; Leafs Setting Fast Pace

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A single game is on the National Hockey League schedule for to-night, when Toronto's hustling Maple Leafs engage Les Canadiens in a battle for the Canadian Division leadership in Montreal. Pulling in front of the Canadian group with a 9 to 3 victory over New York Americans on Tuesday night, the Leafs left home early yesterday afternoon for the Quebec metropolis with high hopes of gaining two points from Cecil Hart's band of puckshakers, and thereby lengthening their margin.

Canadiens will be somewhat handicapped for the fixture as a few of their players, including their brilliant center, Marcel Dionne, are nursing wounds that are not sufficiently bad enough to keep them out of the line-up but are still impairing their efficiency on the ice.

The Leafs are setting a fast pace at present, having hung up four victories and a tie in six games, will at full strength for the battle. In two previous games against the two clubs this season the Canucks have gained three points by virtue of a tie in Toronto and a victory at home.

BOB SHAWKEY NOW A MINER

Former Manager of New York Yankees Quits Baseball Activities For Good

New York, Dec. 24.—Baseball probably has seen the last of Bob Shawkey, former star pitcher and for a brief time manager of the New York Yankees.

He gone gold miner, and already is considered that delving for nuggets has it all over him as a career.

"Last July I bought a mine in Canada," Shawkey revealed yesterday.

"We started working it in September and last week it assayed \$10,50 a ton.

"I have just returned from my mine, where I saw nuggets sticking out of the vein. It was twenty below zero.

"I was warned not to go up there again."

Shawkey recently departed as pilot in Jersey City in favor of Hans Lober, said he was not interested in finding another baseball job.

Wilbert Robinson, known affectionately as "Uncle Robby" to every man in the Brooklyn Robins, Robbie leaves Brooklyn after eighteen years without an enemy in the world. A man of his qualities and disposition could not acquire any.

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HOCKEY STANDINGS

"Uncle Robby" Has Enviable Record

By AL DEMAREE



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HOCKEY STANDINGS

N.H.L. Canadian Section

W. L. D. F. A. P. Goals

Toronto 6 6 4 4 27 15

Canadiens 6 6 4 4 27 15

New York Americans 4 3 2 4 15 10

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American Section

W. L. D. F. A. P. Goals

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*Cordial Season's Greetings*TO OUR MANY CLIENTS AND FRIENDS
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LIMITED**Wheat Prices Gain Fractionally In Evening Up Market**

Canadian Press

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—In light pre-holiday run-up, trade wheat prices gained fractionally in the wheat pit here to day. Prices at the close were $\frac{1}{4}$ cent to $\frac{1}{2}$ cent higher than Wednesday's close.

December closed at \$2.14, for an advance of $\frac{1}{4}$; May advance $\frac{1}{4}$ cent to \$2.62, while July rose $\frac{1}{4}$ cent to $\frac{1}{2}$ cent to close at \$2.62 to \$2.63.

Pit transactions again were limited with few orders coming in from out-

side. Export trade was stagnant, and traders everywhere appeared to have given themselves over to the Christmas holiday, which will find all important grain markets closed until Monday.

Reports from France intimated that wheat there was selling at \$1.63 per bushel there was a possibility of foreign grain quotes being increased in the new year.

Cash wheat and coarse grains in full trading with spreads practically unchanged.

To-day's Grain Markets

WINNIPEG

(Logan & Bryan)

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Wheat: Market was dull today, but firm. During the first period there was little buying by one large American export house, with Liverpool closing a little stronger than due.

Prices were gradually forced about one cent higher than the previous close and the market was able to hold very steady most of the day about 62 cents. It was only during the fact that there was no pressure on the market, offerings being extremely light throughout the day, while the Chicago market was also about half cent higher.

There was nothing in the news to cause any upturn in prices. The local cash market was flat and while there was no demand on any quarter there was a little buying off and all awards were unchanged. There was a little export business in Manitoba.

Winnipeg futures closed $\frac{1}{4}$ cent higher.

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Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

DEAR MISS DIX—What is the most important advice a father can give his son on his twenty-first birthday?

R.C.A.
Mr.
And
Mrs.—

Answer—There is not much use in giving a boy advice on his twenty-first birthday because by that time his character has been formed. It is the advice that you give a boy before he is ten years old that counts. It is while he is clay in your hands that you can impress the precepts of right thinking and right living upon him.

But if I were going to give advice to any boy of twenty-one I should urge him to do live so he can look himself in the face. It does not matter much what other people think of us. It is our own opinion of ourselves that counts. The one person's respect we value most.

As long as we do nothing that we are ashamed to remember we are all right.

Then I should try to impress upon him the value of moderation in all things. I should tell him that all the good things in the world are intended for us to use in small quantities and that only by doing that can we get any pleasure out of them.

Too much abstemiousness starves us to death. Too much eating kills us to obesity. Too much work wears us out. Too much play bores us to extinction. Too much loitering on the way and we never reach the goal. No stopping by the wayside and we never pluck the flowers that bloomed along the way. It is only when we eat and play and work and love and dance in the right proportion that we get the real pleasure out of living.

I should tell him that the only free man is the one who is master of his fate. It is only the man who can control his appetites and his emotion and his temper and his tongue who is the captain of his soul.

I should advise him to cultivate a pleasing address. Good manners are a letter of credit that is honored at sight the world over. The man who knows what to say and how to say it, who never fails in showing little courtesies, who is pleasant to get along with, sells himself to all with whom he comes in contact. He makes friends who push his fortune and he does not need half the ability to get along that the gruff, surly, ill-natured man requires. Of course, a man may have a rough exterior and a heart of gold and a brilliant mind, but he repels people and they never take the trouble to find out what is inside of him. But the man with the suave exterior charms at sight.

I would urge upon my twenty-one-year-old boy to try to find out what nature intended him to do and to select some occupation in which he was interested and which he finds a pleasure in doing. Most of the failures in the world are the people who get into the wrong jobs. They try to do the things for which they have no aptitude and which they loathe to do and so always do badly. The most important decision a boy ever makes is in selecting his life work, for his happiness and success depends upon his choice.

I would try to teach my boy patience. I would tell him that there are no quick successes in life and that behind all of the spectacular achievements in which it seems that a man or woman have suddenly leaped into fame and fortune are years and years of hard, grueling labor. Years and years in which they worked for little pay and in which they seemed to make no advance whatever, but in which they were learning the craftsmanship and the skill and getting the knowledge that enabled them to make a killing in the end.

I would try to teach my boy not to be a quitter. I would try to stiffen up his backbone so he would have the strength to carry on through discouragements when his soul was weary and hope died within him. I would tell him that there are no easy jobs and that there is no profit in changing from one occupation to another, but that the man who just digs in in any business or profession and who sticks to it, year after year, and learns all there is to know about it, in the end always wins out.

Finally, I would urge my boy not to marry too young. I would tell him to wait until he had looked them over, not to tie up with the first pretty little flapper who came along. To wait until his own taste and judgment had matured, and, above all, to wait until he could support a family. For the reason that most marriages, like most businesses, go bankrupt because they are not adequately financed.

This is some of the advice I should give my son when he is twenty-one, but I would not be optimistic enough to expect him to take it.

DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—I have just been reading an article by an eminent French psychologist in which he ridicules the idea that it is necessary for people to be in love before they marry. He says that it is a stupid idea and that if people marry without love sometimes it comes in five or more years after marriage and that it is even better thus. I have always believed in love and romance and think it better to feel enthusiastic about the person with whom we tie up for life. What do you think?

MARIA L.

Answer—The French idea of marriage does not concern itself so much with the happiness of the individual as the good of the family, and so the state of the young peoples' hearts is not so important as the amount of their marriage settlements. If we think of marriage in the terms of the family only, of course, love and romance are minor considerations.

But in this country we regard marriage from a different standpoint. With us it is the union of two hearts that beat as one and we scarcely give a second thought to the family.

As a matter of fact, we don't consider the family enough, or else there would not be so many divorces when husbands and wives part just because they have lost their taste for each other.

Continental husbands and wives may be able to endure a marriage based on a mutual respect and a suitability of social position and fortune, but it would not suffice in this country. It would not satisfy ardent American hearts that want to thrill and be thrilled at least in the beginning of matrimony.

Personally, I think that love is not only the only thing that justifies marriage, but the only thing that makes it endurable.

Every marriage is bound to be full of disillusionments and hardships and sacrifices. Every man and woman in the world have their little peculiarities and whims and faults and foibles and it takes love to throw a golden glory over all this and make marriage a great adventure instead of a life sentence at hard labor in jail.

As for men and women who marry without love falling in love after they have been married five years or more, that is a miracle that seldom happens. Married people are far more likely to fall out of love than they are to fall in love, and that is why every couple should start out with a full head of enthusiasm and romance. It peters out quickly enough, anyway.

DOROTHY DIX.

Uncle Ray's Corner**Christmas Cheer**

To-morrow is Christmas! How many eager boys and girls are awaiting the day! How many are "on edge" to see what they will receive as Christmas presents!

In an article I wrote several years ago, I said it was time to change the story of "Santa Claus and the Reindeer" to "Santa Claus and the Airplane." Reindeer are out of date.

The idea of a sleigh never was a good one in places without snow on the ground; and reindeer do not move swiftly enough for these days of speed.

Dear Santa, I hope you will

hear sometimes pictured Santa Claus in an airplane, and that is an improvement in the story, so far as movement and speed are concerned;

but it would take a larger airplane than any ever built to hold all the presents which will be given to boys and girls on Christmas Eve and Christ-

mas Day.

Some parents in England tell their small children about a being named "Father Christmas," while others speak of "Santa Claus." German children hear "Kris Kringle."

Is there a good name for a Christ-

mas figure which has been used every-

where? I should think "the Spirit of Kindness" would be a good name. We

might not look upon "the Spirit of Kindness" as a special person, but as the spirit of people in general.

I believe that in every man and

woman, there is kindness in some de-

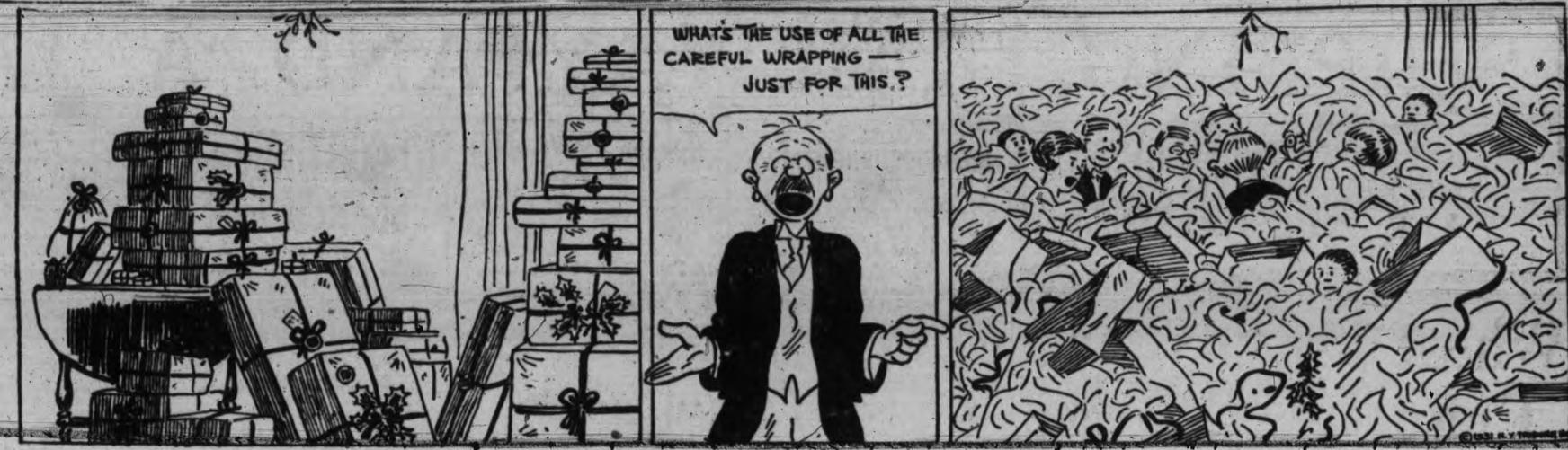
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kindness is likely to come forth. Kind-

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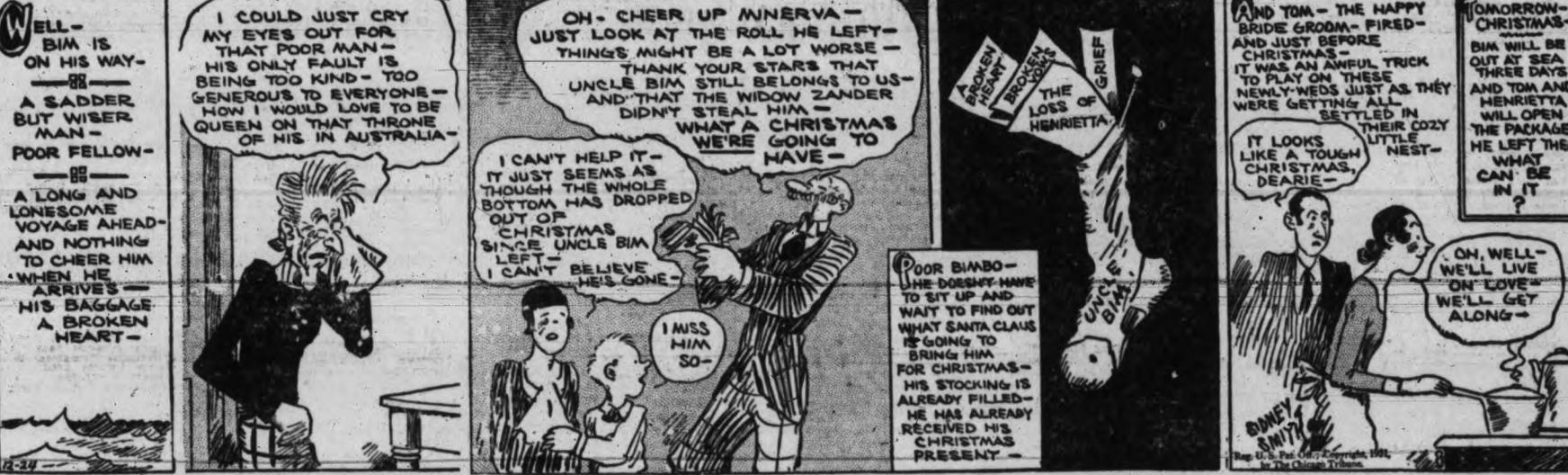
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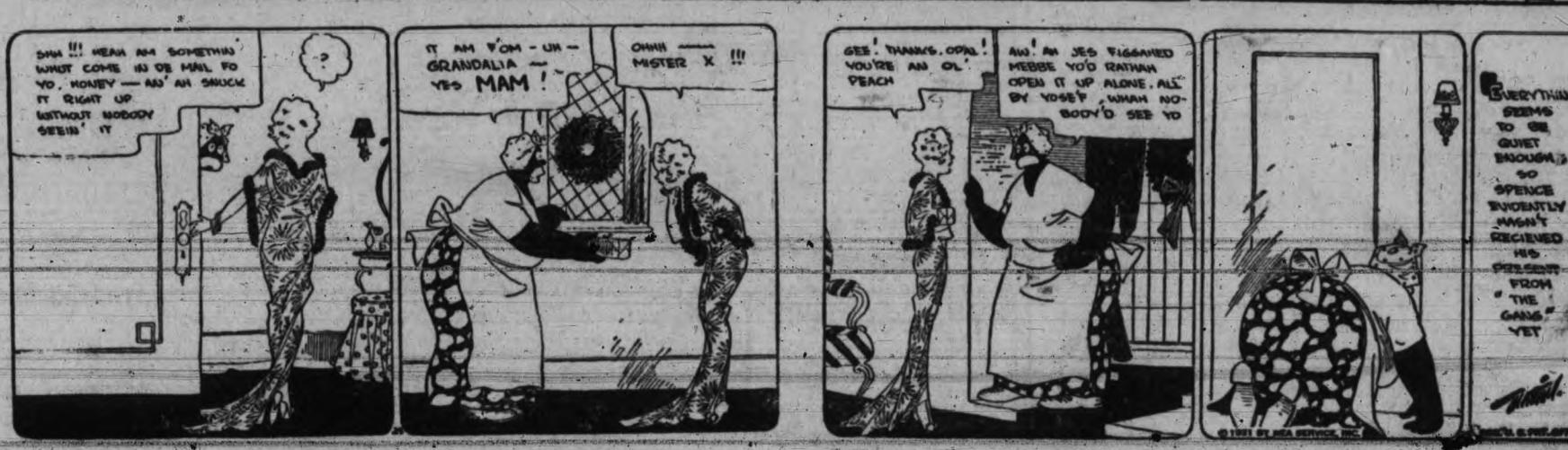
Isn't this Tommy kid a won! You just can't help liking him, so, of course Ella can't be blamed!

Bringing
Up
Father—



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Boots
And
Her
Buddies—



Christmas Greetings
and all good wishes to
my friendly readers!

Uncle Ray

SHIPPING, RAILWAY AND AVIATION NEWS

Iroquois Had
Rough Passage
Across Strait

THREE OFFERS FOR BLUENOSE

American Mail Line Acquires T.-O. Interest

But Owners Will First Give
Nova Scotia Government
Chance of Purchasing Her

Heading right into the teeth of the season's worst storm, the ferry steamer Iroquois had an extremely rough crossing from Victoria to Port Angeles yesterday morning, it was reported when the steamer arrived here to-day. She was only delayed about half an hour, however, and made up lost time before she reached Seattle yesterday evening. The Great Northern, which owned the ship and she was given a severe beating and shaking. "It was bad alright, but we were very lucky," said the captain of the ship cheerfully said this morning.

A Victoria passenger, Mrs. May Alberta Bushnell, fell on deck during one of the severe shocks to the ship and sprained her ankle. She is now continuing her trip, however, and is en route to New York, from where she will sail on January 9 aboard the Cunard Liner Franconia for a trip around the world. She will return to Victoria in May.

The Iroquois brought in ninety-three passengers and fifteen crew from ports on Puget Sound this morning. All those aboard are spending Christmas in Victoria with relatives and friends, or at the Empress Hotel, having been drawn to Victoria by the advertisements of a real old-fashioned Christmas party at the Empress tomorrow evening.

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Moonrise and Moonset



DECEMBER

Time of moonrise and moonset (Pacific standard time), at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1931.

Days Rises Sets Hours Phases

24 3:46 p.m. 8:18 a.m. Full on 24th

25 4:52 p.m. 8:32 a.m. Waning Gibbous

26 7:20 p.m. 10:32 a.m. Waning Crescent

27 10:48 p.m. 11:32 a.m. Waning Crescent

28 10:10 p.m. 11:08 a.m. Waning Crescent

29 11:39 p.m. 11:34 a.m. Waning Crescent

30 11:40 p.m. 11:40 a.m. Waning Crescent

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DECEMBER

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9:30 p.m.
*2:00 p.m. on Sundays

LEAVE GANGES
7:30 a.m.
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